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A soft, balmy night in the Summer—
The Sun had just sunk to his rest,
And trooping to witness his exit
Came beautiful clouds in the west:
There were some that were golden and foamy,
Like the down on the wing of a bird;
And some were in figures fantastic,
By the breathing of Hesperus stirred.

From the balcony's seat we were watching
The changes, my children and I,
When quaint little Alice, the dreamer,
Exclaimed "There's a church in the sky!"
There were towers and turrets and steeple;
Dome, buttress and gable were there;
But while we were looking, it tottered
And fell, a thin wreck, in the air.

And now, on the limitless azure,
Came a swan; but alas, the poor thing!
While we viewed, there was nothing remaining
But the body and one drooping wing.
A portrait, with huge Roman features,
Was slowly unfolded to shape;
But progress was backward—the Roman
Was changed to a mimicking ape.

"A bear!" shouted Alice; and rampant
Stood Bruin, as if to embrace
Orion, who, fancy could picture,
Was following close on the chase:
But the knife of the hunter, it may be,
Had struck to the heart of the bear,
For he parted just back of the shoulder,
And he, too, dissolved in the air.

But see, in the deep glow of sunset,
Caparisoned as for the fray,
A horseman and rider come prancing,
As in chivalry's glorious day;
From his shoulders the bright-colored caftan
Streamed forth on the cool evening blast,
And I fancied the rider the spirit
Of Saiah-ud-din flashing past.

But night-dews are falling around us,
And shadows are gath'ring o'erhead;
'Tis time that the eyes of my darlings
Are closed in their snug little bed;
And remember, these pictures of cloud-land
Are like pleasures of life—you will find
When brightest they ramish, and shadows
Remain as their token, behind.

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ROSE:

THE SPLENDORS AND MISERIES OF THEATRICAL LIFE.

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CHAPTER III.—CONTINUED.

Soon a noise of hurried steps resounded through the vicinity. At a turn in the pathway he observed approaching him, at the fullest gallop of which the beast was capable, one of the donkeys hired in the morning, and which, according to all appearances, had scented its stable and taken a short cut, without minding the opposition to its progress exerted by the delicate hands of Rose, clinging to the bridle. Ah, for example, Master Jack was thoroughly tormenting. Did she pull to the right or to the left, it only proved for him test of hardmouthedness, and, with that characteristic perseverance which Nature has bestowed upon this maltreated animal, he progressed straightway ahead, ears up and nose protruded, snuffing in imagination the sweet odor of the fodder he presumed to be awaiting him.

The young girl, her complexion animated, eye and face radiant, appeared intoxicated with the fresh air. Her hair, untied, floated in waving curls over the saddle's back. Her arms, brought tight and firm, threw forward her graceful bust, while her skirts, expanded by rapidity in the pace, permitted sight of the exquisite turn of an ankle fit for a child. Brave at all hazards, through ignorance of danger, which the thick grass rendered almost impossible; brilliant in youthful natural beauty, she acquiesced in the jolting leadership of the obstinate brute with a grace fascinating to behold. In this wise, suddenly perceived in the midst of a laugh were secured by veritable foliage, she constituted an ideal vision. She and the animal, both truly sincere in mutual headstrongness, perfected by their very opposition a delightful picture.

Harmony was suddenly restored to George. Half seeing, he rose to place himself in front of the beast and arrest its course. He was on the point of seizing the bridle, when the animal, turning sharply aside, struck his hoofs against a projecting root. The shock threw him upon his knees, while Rose, influenced by the acquired velocity, found herself unseated and thrown against the wooden saddle-bow, with her body stretched forward, ready to fall amid the moss and the brambles. Surprise extorted a slight ejaculation, one almost as much of laughter as of fright. She commenced to loosen her hold, and George had it within his power to catch her in the descent. She allowed herself to drop into his arms, slightly bewildered, out of breath, yet still with a smiling frankness. Joyously he held her pressed against his frame, feeling the beating of her heart, whose tumultuous pulsations, intermingling with her breathing, provoked in the young girl a slight suffocation, leaving her with failing strength, her head leaning upon the young man's shoulder.

This unexpected incident fascinated George with an irresistible charm. The author, the celebrity, had disappeared. Without reflection of any nature, surrendering unconsciously to the attraction, he placed his lips upon Rose's neck. She raised her head at once, looked upon him in astonishment, and then disengaged herself.

"Excuse me, sir!" she said.

At this moment her companions arrived across the sward. The women were uneasy upon Rose's account, but she, with a species of feverish warmth, replied:

"Nothing ails me."

The men set about chasing the fugitive donkey; who, upon arising, resumed his onward progress. But, fettered by the bridle trailing beneath his feet, the animal suffered himself to be overtaken and then surrounded. Laughing, singing, all resumed the return journey to Montmorency, where dinner was in course of preparation. The donkey, treated as a friend, remained riderless, while Rose, thoroughly recovered from her emotion, gathered up her tresses, resumed her hat and parasol, and walked by Madame Berthier's side. George, remaining towards the rear, followed her, cross-examining himself, as if intimidated by his own impressions. Fascinated by the grace of this young girl, an exquisite artlessness, undiminished by affectation — "no vim," as he had himself remarked—he made semblance to join in conversation with the stage manager, to whom he replied in monosyllables without exactly comprehending his observations. He balanced within his mind singular arguments. By an intuition he felt that he was acceptable to Rose, that he had doubtless been admired by his touched; still so young, so recently at the theatre, what ideas could she have concerning the possibility o' an intimacy with him? And, moreover, she had no reputation, no recognized merit—a debutante, "a double"! To pay court to her would be to run the advancing difficulties out of proportion to the modesty of the triumph to be prosecuted? He hesitated.

At last the troops of zinc and of tin commingled afresh in the restaurateur's saloon. In the corner Juliette, enthroned, reigned a sovereign over some first-class subjects, among whom Philippin flourished, surprised at observing his friend remaining apart and associating with the more humble personages. The star infused a spice of malice in her mode of holding court. She appeared desirous of causing George to understand that "for lack of a monk the abbey does not fail," and the temper of this stupid celebrity became ruffled. Through a paltry spirit of revenge he approached Rose, and ostentatiously paid her attention. To wound Juliette he constituted himself *cavalier servente* of the young girl, covering her with glances, speaking to her in subdued tones, and outpouring phrases such as "My beautiful child!" and "My dear angel," authorizing by the current familiarity of theatrical relations. At table he assumed by main force the chair beside her, and waited upon her, not as on humble gallant seeking favor in her eyes, but as a guardian, smitten and affectionate, nevertheless as a sultan, honored by his attentions. The dinner, composed of fish and aquatic game—a bill of fare for fast-days, as everybody knows—provoked, on account of this last article, the ladies' conscientious scruples. Prominently Juliette, through ignorance, clamored against the fare; and as Rose hesitated for similar reasons, George reassured her in a tone loud enough to be heard by her rival; still in appearance he addressed only the young girl, as if in disdain for Juliette's opinion. It was war, war of deceitful points, of cutting insinuations, an encounter whereby the audience were amused voluntarily. Rose alone saw nothing, or, to speak more exactly, saw naught save serenity. Everything, in her enraptured imagination, blended in harmony. Her sole thought was to cause him for whom she esteemed so highly. To please him? to win his love, perchance? Why not? Sincere and inexperienced in those matters, she estimated reciprocity in sentiments as of equal value with affection. Reasoning from the standpoint of love, disengaged by all external considerations, she did not suppose the attentions of the young man could have other motive than the natural and simple expression of inclination towards her. However, there are souls, to whom an infinite delicacy is indispensable, suffering profoundly at permitting the emotions delighting them to become visible, and Rose felt herself terribly incommoded by George's polite attentions. Still, too candid to imagine that, on his part, there was an aggressive sentiment against a third party, or that there was a reason indicating ostentation, she assumed her share of the embarrassment caused her, of the shame imposed upon her, saying to herself, with more than spontaneousness than truth, "He is over there," nevertheless preferring him to be otherwise.

After dessert, the coffee outpoured, the cigarettes lighted, they arose from the table and scattered into groups in the corners.

"My dear," said Juliette to George, drawing him near to her, "you are committing a double stupidity. You are going to embarrass yourself with an innocent creature, who will vex you to death for roles impossible for her to perform, and I deeply fear, moreover, you contemplate a wicked action."

George, with affected laughter, bitterly retorted; still Juliette paid no heed to him. Everything appeared disarranged, and she was furious at the rivalship of this insignificant little girl. And, perchance, she was one of those natures not repugnant to being roughly handled. She made conciliatory advances:

"Eh! my heavens!" she said, "after all I do not desire a sinner's death. Come, breakfast with me to-morrow. We will then talk over matters."

"Too late!" quoth George.

And he turned upon his heel. With railroad speed Juliette returned to the charge.

"In the name of charity," she said with a laugh.

"Charity for whom?"

"For the little one."

"We will speak concerning her at another time," replied the young man.

"Oh, no!" rejoined the actress warmly. "Immediately, or not at all. I am not a double, I can assure you."

At the Paris station it rained. A rush was made for the cab-stand.

"Rose," said Juliette, "come with me. I will see you home."

"I will take charge of her," retorted George.

At that moment Philippin came up with a double-seated carriage, in which Rose, Madame Berthier and the two friends designed to find places.

"Indeed!" resumed Juliette. "Then take me along with you—we can squeeze a trifle."

There was no way of avoiding the star, who, with a sardonic smile, chanted in low tones, the length of the journey, the air from "The Black Domino":

"Thy guardian angel, yes, I am."

As for the rest, was the peril as great as she pretended to believe, and was there not rather in her earnest protection an annoying feeling of peevishness?

Rose was, in the first instance, left at her door; then came the turn of Madame Berthier. When Juliette found herself simply in company with George and Philippin, she stultified herself with bantering excuses.

"I have done nothing to please you," quoth she. "To-day is Friday. It has brought you vexation."

"You," responded Philippin, who scarcely spoke unless in theatrical slang, so as to allow people to know that he was in "the boat," as the phrase went, "are nothing but a 'mardancer.'"

George returned to his house enraged. Subsequently, his anger cooled down, and he passed in review reminiscences of the day, congratulating himself upon the incident of the beast ridden by Rose. He recalled her to mind, empurpled, ravishing with natural and virtuous graces. He felt her hard breathing resting against his breast. He readmired her white neck, shaded by her soft, curling hair, in whose midst reflected light sparkled as flashes from sparkling gems. He imagined to experience anew the impression of that kiss, stolen from the edge of a dainty ear—that discreet kiss, exempt from after-thought, at this moment a token of homage.

Arising from his bed, whence sleep had been banished, he seated himself at his table, and, turning his papers upside down, made more than twenty drafts of a letter to be addressed to the young girl. The first, full of enthusiasm, might have been concocted by you or I; that is to say, we would say: "I love you," and ring the changes. But you and I are not like unto La Trefailles, and we, to use a vulgarism, would have put our foot into it. George, calming himself, perceived the necessity of remaining, even in these matters, the young and heretofore celebrated author of "The Old Folks," and, thus convinced, proportionately polishing his style, endeavored to attain a rhetorical flourish. He knew not, but that, at some future period, this letter might be sought after by autograph collectors? Of this he thought, and comprehended that he should never loan himself to ridicule. It was only towards three o'clock in the morning that he completed his composition. His epistle was worthy of his reputation, studied, pruned down, slightly lukewarm in its solicitations—a masterpiece.

The letter produced an astounding effect upon the mind of the young girl. The daily prostrated, himself at the feet of the vestal; he loved her; he told her thus in well-selected terms, which she believed to have been dashed off with a flowing pen, moved by the enthusiasm of an outpouring heart. At a first reading, at a first sensation, her ideas ran confusedly through her head; she laughed, she was proud, and then indescribable terrors seized upon her.

"He loves me. Be it so. Still, what will follow? What must she be? To marry me? To make me his wife—Madame George La Treffailles?"

It was only after nightfall that she succeeded in mastering her emotions. Through fear of meeting him—what had she become in his eyes?—she had neglected rehearsal, and kept herself all day within her bedchamber, reading and re-reading that letter, which by this time she knew by heart, and whose caligraphy was engraven upon her memory.

Happy, happy day! despite torments reigning within her soul, despite latent, intuitive fears, sudden, causing her to pale, to blush unconsciously. She bowed her head between her hands and catechized herself bravely.

"For what hopes he?"

To what she could, poetize beyond measure, as she might, the character of this young man, in whom she recognized an incomparable superiority, reason compelled her to regard stern evidence: George entertertained no idea of marrying her. She had truly thus to say to herself to repose in calmness and reason. The morals of the stage, moreover, dissipated any illusion. Again, he was great in her eyes, and the more famous was he the less would he be liable to deviate on this point. Think you he would marry a pupil, a debutante, Juliet's "double?" No! Despite violent aspirations towards celebrity—confidence in the future—Rose possessed an angelic modesty. In fine, surmounting her trouble—trouble profound and of duration—she had the courage to admit:

"No! he desires to make me his mistress."

At that point she revolted. To serve as a plaything, to be deserted, and, perchance, doomed to recommence? No, never! Rather renounce love! She desired to lead no lawless existence, neither to augment in numbers the brazen-faced. Nevertheless, to live without an affectionate return, when acknowledging herself to be captivated, fascinated, bewildered? Bah! Art should prove a substitute for that want, and a thorough consolation.

And while in this humor of abnegation, redeclaring art as all-sufficient for her existence, she reverted to her first compromise, recovering the stage manager's weaknesses. No more would no longer accommodate herself, at present, to an illegitimate intimacy, however lasting it might prove. Did George love her, he must marry her; otherwise, a truce to tears—so much the worse! After all, between an author and an actress there exists not much social distinction. This conclusion produced immediately a tranquillity of conscience doing her good. Then, taking a pen, she wrote, without making rough copies:

Sir, love you, and it is, perchance, a grave misfortune, since my position condemns me to be towards you simply a person pleasing for the moment, without power of permanent attachment. Were I worthy of you, the sentiments you declare would render me more happy, for it would be my pride unto you to consecrate my life. But such as I am, I will scarcely fail to become to you an embarrassment, a subject for vexatious preoccupations. Despite your goodness, you will terminate by sufferings, disenchantment between the humiliation caused by my insufficiency and the scruples of a generous heart at the thought of abandoning a poor girl whose error consists in lack of talent as compared with love and devotion. And, sir, after the pleasure of having been beloved by a superior man, how intense must be my sorrow in returning to obscurity? I am not certain of possessing courage adequate for the assumption of my part.

For your own sake, sir, leave me. Custody of your glory, gratification derived from your works, will speedily dispel the sentiments you entertain for me, who, smitten as I may be, find myself obliged to remain your very humble and obedient servant. ROSE VARNEY.

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"Decidedly she is virtuous; she is reputable and from a respectable family. When I marry her it will not be my ancestors, for the most part pork-dealers, who will cry out against a mesalliance. A word for all: I love that young girl; I am crazy after her; and, if I am to pass through marriage to gain her, be it so, by heavens! That's all, but I must have her at all cost."

On the morrow Philippin, meeting the young girl at the theatre, took her aside, as he desired, as he said, to converse with her "for her own interest." On the other hand, the members of the company, remembering George's attentions during the dinner at Montmorency, perceiving him display his pretensions openly and above board, conceived it to be no less their duty to tender Rose advice. The possibility of an intimacy with George appeared to them a peril. They advised so emphatically that, tormented and uneasy, she commenced to suffer distinctly from the situation imposed upon her. In any case, her ideas were not clear. Her resolutions, varying from one extreme to another during the same day, had no longer consistency. She was harrassed to desperation, and within her sleeping-chamber at night she shed tears of bitterness. Did not an opportunity serve her, she was lost.

A few days after, the Theatre Jouffroy was closed for a general rehearsal of "Celimene's Granddaughter," La Trefailles' new comedy. All the officers of the Boulevard des Italiens, underneath the peristyle, they were selling, at five and six louis, orchestra chairs for the first performance, to take place on the following evening. Already, within the auditorium, illuminated as for representation, all the managerial and administrative force, the relatives of the actors and employes, the machinists, the leader of the claque and a large number of invited guests, were installed, forming compact groups.

The upraised curtain displayed the scenery of the first act. Upholsterers garnished the doors and windows, while the property-man placed at an indicated spot the accessories necessary for the use of the respective characters. The stage-carpenter gave orders to rearrange a back scene, and to lower the flies so as to mask open spaces, while the prompter was seated in his box, tapping with his pencil to attract the attention of the manager, flying around the house like a maniac, scolding his subordinates.

The orchestra rehearsed the overture, and the leader, at the slightest false note, stopped all the performers, full of anger, haranguing the delinquent with the vivacity of an enraged turkey-cock, as if nothing were to be presented but his music, and that the destiny of the theatre depended upon misconception of a sharp or a flat. From time to time the janitor, a card in his hand, ran in search of the secretary-general, ever to be found in some wing with his back to the wall, gossiping upon the merits familiar footing with the actresses of the house. The janitor remitted him the card, inquiring whether he should pass the applicant. When it was an actor, an author, or an unknown individual, a nod of the head signified an opinion upon the matter. But should the personage be suspected of a direct or remote connection with journalism:

"See Flourquinet," quoth the secretary.

"No! never! not a journalist!" rejoined the manager in a fever of excitement. "To-day we they will square accounts, but to-night not the sign of a printer's devil!"

Whereupon the janitor, returning to the applicant, extricated himself from the unpleasantness as best he could.

In the corridors leading to the actresses' rooms, upon the staircases, there was a clamorous coming and going of hurrying costumers, hairdressers and tiring-women—a Babel of noises, the sounds of steps, of singing, of multiplied demands.

"Pacome! Pacome!" shouted a voice. "You know, my boy, you promised to dress me; but don't put yourself out of the way."

"Achille, my wig—where is it?" cries another.

Then breaks out the monotonous tone of the call-boy:

"Scene First, Act First."

During this while George, Philippin and the official censors assembled in Flourquinet's office converse with the manager, who is excited against the Government, as it seemingly favors rivalry from concert-halls, and particularly because, in contempt of refined justice, it continues to exact the iniquitous impost for the benefit of the poor. That was the foundation of his political opinions. Upon every other point everything worked well; but these concert-halls and the poor-tax! In his opinion these complaints formed an adequate base for a revolution.

The office-door opened.

"When you are ready," said the stage-manager.

"Come then," remarked Flourquinet.

Traversing the stage and corridor, they gained the third row of orchestra chairs, reserved for them according to custom. During the performance of the overture, this time given without stoppages, George cast his eyes around the house. In the dark corner of a circular projecting box he perceived Rose and her aunt, accompanied by Madame Berthier, to whom George had allotted no part in his piece.

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"What an idea!" thought he, "to play the gallant near a 'double' when playing for such heavy stakes."

"Rose known this defect for some time," said Flourquinet. "But these brutes of authors are all alike. The moment you mention cutting down, they utter their howls. Speak to him yourselves," he added, addressing the censors.

But the gentlemen declined the ungrateful task, rationally observing, as a stroke of policy, that Philippin alone would charge himself with communicating to George their friendly advice. Well aware of the disdain with which his advances would be received, the jolly fellow none the less accepted the embassy, partly for the vain glory of appearing high in his esteem, and partly through real interest in the welfare of the celebrity beneath whose banner he had enrolled himself. Still, at that moment less than ever would he have been listened to, inasmuch as an instant previously, in reply to the inquiry from George as to the impression made upon her, Rose had ejaculated:

"It is charming!"

"Does nothing appear to require alteration?"

"Nothing."

"You are aware there is still time," insisted the young man; although, by dint of having his piece rehearsed, an author concludes to meddle no longer with it. "Tell me frankly now—do you notice anything to be cut down?"

"Oh! heavens, no!" responded Rose. 'Do not touch it, above all things! I assure you it is charming."

After this, Philippin's task would be love's labor lost. And in truth, when later in the evening, after many precautions this gentleman hazarded a *"perhaps"* it might prove better slightly to abridge the action," George replied to him:

"You favor me in your allusion. I was afraid that it was too long."

During the entire duration of the "between acts" the young man remained near Rose. The manager and censors resumed their places, accompanied by Philippin. Still George loitered; they only awaited him to continue the rehearsal.

"Where is he?" muttered Flourquinet in vexation.

"Parbleu!" responded Philippin, curtly shrugging his shoulders.

Juliette, on the stage for some time, advanced to the footlights.

"Are we going to sleep here?" she inquired of the manager.

"The fact is, we are growing old," suggested the prompter, half out of his hole.

"George Fargeuil!" exclaimed Flourquinet, "if we are unreasonable, you know, my dear fellow ——"

"Here I am!" responded the author.

The audience turned their eyes towards him, and, perceiving him standing and continuing his conversation with Rose, this conclusion was drawn and circulated that very evening throughout the coffee-houses:

"They are together!"

"Commence," said Flourquinet, stamping his foot impatiently, and the orchestra scraped anew.

During this while George said to Rose:

"You will come to-morrow?"

"Certainly."

"You have a place?"

"Certainly," she replied, with a slight smile of annoyance.

"Where are you located?"

"Poorly."

"In the second tier?"

"Not even there."

"Ah!" exclaimed George, scandalized. "In the upper gallery, with the dressers? Imbecile Flourquinet!"

Then, taking a coupon from his pocket:

"Take this," he said; "it is for my box."

She desired to be excused from accepting the offer.

"I beg of you," he urged. "I have no relatives, and I regard you as my best friend."

He regained his place in the orchestra near Flourquinet; but the latter scowled upon him.

"I jest as it heartily," thought George.

On the morrow, upon the billboards affixed a manuscript placard in front of the theatre, inscribed as follows:

"All places being sold, the box-offices will not be opened."

Despite this, people kept constantly coming in cabs, striking upon the closed door, and offering as high as two hundred francs for a camp-stool, thereby trusting to corrupt the fidelity of employes, from the doorkeeper down to the workingmen testing the row of gaslights intended to illuminate the theatre's front upon stroke of seven.

At the stage-door in the Passage Jouffroy interminable debates occurred between the janitor and persons seeking to obtain a nook or corner by dint of persistence. Some styled themselves intimate friends of Flourquinet or of the secretary-general; others avowed as pretext a formal promise, and desired the Cerberus to place confidence in a letter to that effect. Many became red-hot with rage, particularly the ladies, vowing to demolish the theatre in the estimation of the distinguished company visiting their receptions. Within, the manager, overwhelmed with epistles, imperative or suppliating, battled like a demon to defend the last stool in the musicians, promised to a friend. A friend lending him money at eight per cent. during moments of pressure. Just inside Flourquinet's office five familiars of "the shop" mounted guard, ready to tear the eyes out of the first holder of a coupon sent back by a journalist prevented from attending, and, putting the hours to profit, the leader of the claque ran around to the houses of the principal actors, from them to gather orders for the obscure places they dare not present to the people with whom they dine.

At seven o'clock, even before the arrival of the firemen or of the guard, the actors assembled at the theatre. Pale, disordered, with haggard eyes, unshaven since yesterday—and worse than those—in the sulks, the good souls had little heart for the performance. The majority, having for dinner but hasty plates of soup, experienced weakness, and simply went on the stage through compulsion. But there was no use fretting at that moment. So used up they appeared, their nervous system excited to its extreme, rendered them of an intolerable humor. Hence, in the wings and upon the stage, they performed their duties silently and rapidly. Soon thereafter came the box-book keepers in white cravats, insinuating themselves behind the counters to await the arrival of the minute regulating opening of the doors. The moment came at last, and not too soon for the struggling multitude.

Already the preliminary piece, the raising of the curtain, was being played before the benches, where gradually the audiences upon arrival installed themselves, amid the clamor of removing seats, of shutting doors, and of calling upon door-openers. From the tier of boxes came salutations by hand. All the mourners at Des Aulnoies' funeral were there, accompanied by their "ladies," outrivaling each other in elegance of costume. The auditorium filled, it was truly a magnificent house for a first night. The minister and his two secretaries occupied the large proscenium box, and Parisian notabilities were scattered every where.

But between Offenbach's box and that of Vancorbeil, wherein Blavet showed his fine, intellectual forehead, was seated alone a young girl, plainly dressed, slightly pale.

"Who is she?" inquired everybody.

The people attached to the theatre alone could reply.

"Rose."

"Rose? Who is she?—Rose?"

"An actress of this house: Juliette's 'double.'"

It was she, in fact; slightly ill at ease at finding herself there, nevertheless happy—above all, confident. To her mind this evening was destined to be a triumph for her friend. Nevertheless, how painful to her was the trial! Unaware whether George, in surrendering his box, had reserved the privilege of presenting places to others, she had refrained from bringing her aunt with her. The old lady had no inclination, however, towards accompanying her, for, having seen the piece on the previous night, she could not comprehend how to derive gratification through listening to a twice-told tale. Some points provoked laughter, at other times she was tempted to cry. All was charming, still good for once only! Furthermore, to enter a box on the first tier required corresponding garments, which she had not.

At last the bell rang thrice, followed by a murmur of general satisfaction; it was behind the time announced. The leader of the orchestra measured in time for the musicians. Towards the end of the overture a profound silence prevailed, and the curtain slowly arose, with a rustling sound, exposing scenery attractive to the spectators. Auditors upon the orchestra seats, with a door view of the stage, arose. They were assailed with cries of "Down! down!" and the actor on the stage delivered the prologue, explaining, according to regulation, the scene, period and quality of the principal characters in the piece.

At Scene II the situation was in turn explained, and the audience comprehended it in a trice; for the public, ever considered fastidious, is never much so at comprehension. Present whatever situation you like, however complicated, intelligent, it is never refused. But, be it well understood, the contract executed, hold firm upon the logic of deduction, whereby one can be amused to overflowing, and without which look out for a fall! However much you exhaust your wits, do not anticipate any approbation, any *effect*. It is only through a special silence, whose acrimony is known to all authors, that the public receive your explanations. Ill-disposed authors, desirous of long speeches, reverse the classic order. From the public, in turn with aid of witticisms, or through an entertaining stroke of social humor more or less pointed, some excite laughter, produce the effect, force applause, reserving explanation until after some manifestation, which is in some manner a compensation on the part of the public. It has laughed, it is disarmed, and must infallibly become obtunded through loss of patience, as long as the action of the piece be not in play.

But this silence! It is one of the most poignant agonies for the unfortunate author who, in obscurity, awaits with anxious ear the slightest murmur. Alas! the terrible reverse of the medal! moment of harrowing uncertainty, requiring nerves of iron not to fall suddenly prostrate! And what subjects for reflection! Does the actor on the stage venture a pause for facial expression, the author, seeing him not, becomes pallid and despondent.

"The rascal!" he mutters to himself, "he does not know his part; he stammers and stops short! And that scoundrel of a prompter fails to give the words!"

On the contrary, the actor proceeds. Two lines more and he should make a point, provoking laughter or forcing applause. There it is; he has spoken; and ——. The public scarcely tells, producing simply an insignificant murmur, which another actor mars through too rapid a reply.

"Idiot! dunce!" murmurs the dramatist. "Ah, heavens! what is she saying? The text runs 'thence,' and the fool has it 'whence!' She will be hissed for rendering sense into nonsense, the wretched peacock! Then here comes another bungle! She is spoiling her exit, and will murder the situation!"

He becomes crazed, meditating upon failure, and threatens to die from overexcitement! And the claque applauding *aside* allusions! horrible brutes! Fear, irrepressible fear, at this moment seizes upon the author. He is a prey to measureless exasperations. Vanity, ambition, rest upon the hazard of the die, and perchance—the climax of vexation—the bread of his wife and children is at stake. Should the piece, through any circumstances applaud, a father's duties are lightened; but let them yawn, and all hope crumbles, leaving behind it misery, humiliation, despair, tears, hunger!

As the curtain falls upon the first act of George's new piece, he confers steadiness.

"The audience is ill-tempered to-night," quoth Juliette to George, whom she has encountered at the wings while coming from off the stage.

"No!" interposed Philippin abruptly, as he crossed the communicating passage-way. "Everything goes well. Almost every hit has told, and in the corridor of the first tier I have just seen Sarcey appearing delighted."

"So much the better!" rejoined the actress, gaining her dressing-room.

"It is she who is not doing well," resumed Philippin, changing his tone of voice. "She has made interminable pauses. Between her dialogues you could take a walk. Now, then, speak to Flourquinet, and he will correct her."

"Well, as you will. Are you not satisfied?" inquired one of the previous night's censors. "The impression is good, although in some parts the piece is a trifle too wire-drawn; you might, perchance, abridge."

"I dare say," replied he, "that a few months here are equal to years in a capital like Paris and such society as yours."

"I am peculiarly situated, Monsieur Maulment. Estranged from my late husband's family, my son a youth, and—I fancy I can rely on your friendship and discretion?"

"Both are yours," said he, in the same tone that he would have used to a dairymaid, she noted. But, then, Americans are so ridiculously polite to anything in a petticoat, whatever its degree.

"It is a delicate point. A question of—of marriage. I have lately entertained the intention of marrying again. But before I go more seriously, father, I would like to know how my son Hubert will take it."

She was interrupted by a rock plunging over and down into the humid chasm. It was the stone against the foot of the geologist.

"Can you not question my son, sir? You do not answer me. Surely you understand the position?"

He nodded.

"I am still youngish. But I want to perform my maternal duties correctly. Do you think, now ——"

"I never give a thought to such matters."

"Your silence would be a censure."

"Would I presume to blame you, madam?"

She did not know, she said, hesitating to look at him, believing that his eyes were flashing.

"Hubert confides in you, trusts you more than his mother. That's the freemasonry with you men, who exclude us of the sex so rigorously and serry yourselves against us! Come, I wish to learn what he thinks of Prince Kaiserkrone—he saw him in Paris, and I feared he conceived some antipathy to him. But we shall meet him at Baden-Baden shortly, and ——" But still Professor Carolus held his peace, and the lady rose, agitated, saying: "Pray, let us go find Hubert."

He followed her mechanically. They had to climb a narrow natural staircase in the grassy rock, with a rough pine-tree railing. There was no word from either except when the Countess declared something lovely, charming, grand, and so on. He echoed no enthusiasm. His coldness affected her mentally as the dampness did physically under a passing cloud, and she shivered.

She made a misstep on the stair. The hand with which he seized her arm was so hot that she felt its strong clutch through her muslin sleeve. She caught her breath, was frightened at this revelation of the man not being the cold-blooded weakling of science, and attempted a joke to tranquillize herself.

"Oh, if I only had the Prince here—that powerful giant, who would have borne me up like a feather in his arms. Why does not Lurline send me him on the instant?"

She laughed, more harmoniously than naturally, as if to defy the hoarse, grave murmur of the waters. In her playful shake of her hand she burst the fillet of her hair, and Carolus received it full in the face like a shower of golden rain. At the next moment she felt herself embraced by a pair of irresistible arms, while scorching lips were fastened on her neck, and an amorously infuriated voice cried forth:

"I love you more than any prince, Russian, Dutch or Spanish! Thank Love for having sent me to carry you up amongst those sunny clouds!"

He stormed up the steps like a madman, with cries of joy and sighs of ecstasy from his panting bosom. From the top of the rocks at the head of the steps ran a nearly straight, jagged and narrow reef of stone, partly an ancient castle-wall, partly a ridge of natural conformation. It led to a round-topped mount, which was called, for its smoothness, "the Knight's Table (Rittertafel)." This slender path, which seemed hardly more broad than a child's foot, was fabled to have been traversed by a flying hero pressed by his foes, who dared not follow over it. No doubt time had worn away the sides so that the road was less practicable than of old, but now it certainly justified the country people's appellation of "The Thin Edge of Nothing (*Das Nichts Gehacht*)."

On either hand of this hog's back was a sheer descent of three hundred feet, with the torrent on one side, a bristling pin-cushion of scrub pines on the other. Death in either case.

In the very centre of this line he paused, with an unfaltering foot, like a Blondin, and, holding her up clear from him, he said in a broken voice:

"Do you care to die? I will leap down with you, if you say the word."

She fell like a doll in his grasp. She fainted dead away, and he felt her frame relax, and then stiffen, as he lowered her, till her cold cheek chilled the flame upon his own. When she awoke she was on the short, grassy carpet of the Knight's Table. In the hollow of his hand, as he knelt beside her, was some water, found in a cleft of the smooth rock.

"Do not trouble yourself," said she haughtily. "I will go back alone to the hotel."

She rose, but tottered back at the first step, and only one step, for the table-rock was not four strides in diameter, and the edge was cracked and crumbling, whilst it overhung its support. Except the ridge, which perspective tapered into an impossible line at a little distance, there was no means for a creature without wing to leave this peninsula.

"It is clear," observed he calmly, but with some sorrow, "that you cannot leave here alone. You made me listen to you unsolicited. "Now, pray hearken to me, Lady of Cite-chasteau. Indeed you must, for only the slow foot-fall at the strong hands that brought you across this double gulf can repeat the feat."

His eyes were no longer dimmed by glasses, his voice veiled by assumed calmness. A strange smile of guilty satisfaction crossed his burning face. She would have shrunk back had the space permitted it.

"I am not a student of stone-seeking and cabbage-gathering. I am simply the son of a Louisianian cotton-planter ruined by the war. I aid my mother and sister to live. I went to Paris to walk the hospitals and become a physician of fame. In an evil day I saw you on the Bois de Boulogne. The first *sergent de ville* whom I asked knew the beauteous widow and countess. I was able to see you leave your dwelling, enter ball-rooms, theatres, and opera-houses. From afar and on high I looked down at you, surrounded in your box by equistates, and that barely Russian always in your train. I hate the omnipresent Colossus, at whose you often looked down, while I never had from you so much as a glance.

"The journals spoke of you from time to time in connection with some rich and titled gentleman whom it was thought you would wed. Society resented this unequal match, and in mourning. I had no riches from my father, and titles were out of the question for an American, unless I had been a dentist and obtained the ribbon of the Legion. Would that I could have extracted my heart full of pain! —A secret to tooth-ache. In haunting you, I had no time to earn anything for my family. I studied you, not my books. I learnt that you abhorred violence. I curbed my tumultuous passions. When you started for the country, I came to the lake, to visit some time in my spare days. Madrilena, and, if I have not by my docility obtained some return, I am only fit to be flung over here as false to my mother and sisters—a rascal who has sacrificed the best months for a woman who cares not for him!"

"Stop, stop, you fiery-brain!" she cried, half in a sob, half in a scream.

There was a pause.

"You must not throw yourself away—at least until you shall have carried me on firmer ground."

There was an archness in her growing smile which was irresistible. He fell at her feet, drank inspiration and permission from the melting glow in her blue eyes, and covered her hand with innumerable kisses, amongst which was a grateful tear.

"Be calm, Carolus, be calm.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CYCLONE.—1. Fielding errors consist of failures to catch fly-balls or foot-bound balls, after exercising or partly holding the ball; failures to throw accurately to a baseman; failures to hold balls thrown to bases; and failures to stop batted balls. Sometimes a batted ball so swiftly that it is a piece of judgment for the fielding to stop the ball, so as to prevent two or more bases being run; but it is generally an error to fail to field a ball in time to a base. It is a double error when a fielder fails to stop a batted ball, and throws it badly to a base after muffing it. 2. The errors are properly recorded, whether runs are scored in the inning or not, as it was not the good play of the scoring which prevented them being scored. 3. Runs can be earned off the fielding which are not earned off the pitching, and the general estimate of earned runs is to judge the pitching when a fielder fails to stop a batted ball, and the batsman makes his base by a hit, steals second by sharp play, goes to third on a high fly to outfield caught, and home on the third batsman's safe hit. This would be earned run off the fielding, but not off the pitching, as only two first-base hits were made, and it requires at least three, and sometimes four to give an earned run. A run may be said to be earned off the fielding as follows: Suppose a fair striker, with two bases on balls to his credit, earns it by a good clean hit—B hits a grounder to right field, which the right fielder fields to first in time to put the striker out, but has no chance to throw out the base-runner going to second. C then makes a similar hit, on which A is easily sent to third base, and D makes a base-hit and sends A home. This is a run squarely off the pitching, as the base-runner has not assisted the base-runner, nor has any bad judgment been shown in the field. Any hit is a safe hit which enables the striker to reach first base without his giving the fielders a fair chance to catch or throw him out.

J. H. R., Phila.—"A man was on second, no one on first, when the striker hit a safe grounder to centre-field. Man on second attempted to run home on the hit, the ball was fielded to home-plate, and meanwhile the striker attempted second on the throw in. The catcher threw down to second-baseman, who was standing inside the line of his base, but on trying to get the ball, which was thrown rather wild, he jumped backward just as the runner passed him, and a collision resulted. The umpire decided runner out for obstructing the fielder. In consequence of the collision the ball rolled out to right field. An almost similar case occurred recently. In this latter instance the runner dodged the fielder and was not decided out for running out of his line, according to your interpretation of the rules, which was the proper decision? 2. A man was at the bat and a ball was delivered by pitcher that he struck at and missed, but the catcher failed to get it, and it rolled by him and another ball delivered, which was precisely where the striker wanted it. Upon being asked for judgment the umpire informed the pitcher that he must wait until the striker was ready." ——In nearly every case a base-runner running a base the fielder must avoid obstructing him in the latter's efforts to field the ball, and when the base-runner must get out of the way. The decision giving the base-runner out was not a legal one. 2. The moment the umpire calls a ball the pitcher can deliver it fast as he likes. The batsman must be ready at all times while in his place.

MAPLE LEAF, Guelph.—3. "One of our men having run to third was touched on that base by one of the Tecumsehs, who claimed that he had not touched second. The umpire sustained the claim and decided the man out. The base-runner is prepared to swear that he touched second in the manner claimed, but he did not touch first, which we claim he was not compelled to do, being allowed to overrun it; but if he was, the umpire did not decide him out for that omission. What is the rule?" ——The base-runner is under no obligation to deliver the ball to the bat—whether he has the ball in one hand or the other—he must deliver it, or it is a balk in the case you describe it was a balk, and the umpire was correct. 2. A batsman was wrongly out in running to either first, second, or third bases to run in front of the fielder so as to obstruct his view of the coming ball. It is willful obstruction, and the umpire is out to decide a base-runner out whenever it is done. 3. The testimony of the base-runner or the fielder in a case like this must not be regarded. In overrunning first base the base must be touched, of course, or the player running can be put out. The umpire's decision must be acided by in all cases where his judgment is also in question. If he errs in a plain interpretation of the rules any protest will be of no avail, as his judgment only is at fault. The base-runner failed to touch a base he should have touched, and therefore was legally put out at third base.

MANAGER SPIRIT.—Through the courtesy of Mr. M. K. Fenner of *The Railroad Gazette* we are enabled to make the following answer: "The Pennsylvania Railroad Company operates and controls *directly* 1,565 miles of railroad, and *indirectly* 1,000 more. It controls *indirectly* (partly by leases and partly by ownership of a majority of the stock) other roads with an aggregate mileage of 5,050 miles. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company owns 740 miles of road, leases 260, and so operates altogether 1,000 miles. The *company* does not control any other road, but its Directors do; there are three roads, the Michigan Southern (having 2,175 miles) and the Canada Southern (328 miles) being counted 'Vanderbilt roads.' As to whether Tom Scott or Commodore Vanderbilt is the greater railroad king, and which road has the best tracks and rolling stock, exactly opposite opinions can be had from experts. Both companies have had the capital necessary to get the best; and if either has a monopoly it is only because its officers didn't know what was best."

J. O. M., Litchfield.—"We went to bat in the tenth inning, got a man around to third base. Two men were out then to which we were entitled, as it is a far fool, and the man on third, as a matter of course, ran home, and in so doing was struck on the hand by the ball. The umpire declared him out. We claimed he left the base too soon, and not wilfully obstruct the fielder from fielding the ball, as he was unavoidably struck by the ball. Now, how should the game stand? 9 to 9 against us, 4 to 4, or 5 to 4 in favor of the visitors, according to 9 to 9 playing the field. You have no right to dispute the decision of the umpire on a matter involving only an error of judgment. The umpire is sole judge.

ROSE.—Rose Dhu is a pure mare, mealy-mouthed, properly ventilated smoke it moderately at first; say three or four pipefuls daily and in the house, as the change of temperature will often crack a new meerschaum. Keep the bowl of the pipe filled with a hungry dog to get it colored, or you may get your pipe too hot and burn it. If you once overheat it you will find that just so high as the color has reached there it will remain, and all the smoking you may give it won't raise the color higher. Never attempt to polish it till the sweat has thoroughly cooled and dried. Then, about once a day, gently polish it with a soft handkerchief. Avoid sweetening.

DICE-THROWER.—"A and B are throwing poker dice, three throws. A leads and leaves on the table five high, and may throw all or none of them. B, on his third throw, he claims the right to pick up the five and throw with three dice, which B still not allow. Who is right?" ——Dice left standing cannot be picked up at the option of a subsequent thrower, unless an actual mistake was made or agreement to the contrary has been had. This is the rule of poker dice; and, while A and B were not throwing poker dice, they play nearly like, and therefore become amenable to the rules of that game. At poker dice the worlies can be picked up but once—there are but two throws.

J. H. R., Germantown.—"Edwin Vesin was born in Philadelphia, Pa. His father was a well-known merchant in that city. After graduating from a university here, young Vesin went to England, and he made his debut on the dramatic stage, Easter Monday, 1852, at the Princess' Theatre, London, acting Prince Arthur in "King John." He made his first appearance on the American stage at the Walnut-street Theatre, this city, sept. 2, 1857, acting Count St. Pierre in "The Wife." He appeared in London, Eng., June 12, 1859, at the Surrey Theatre, acting Macbeth. Since that time he has confined his professional engagements chiefly to America."

AMATEUR, Holyoke.—"1. A man at the bat strikes at two fair balls, but fails to hit them. The next ball that was pitched being a fair ball, the striker struck at and missed it. Was the striker out on the third time of striking at the ball he failed to hit it, he was out, there being no necessity to call "good ball" after striker has struck at two fair balls. If the two strikes called on him, then it was necessary for the umpire to call "good ball;" and give him out on the next—the fourth—fair ball, either not struck at or by not making contact with it. 2. Yes.

MANY READERS, West Alexandria.—"1. Man on first base, ball struck to pitcher, who fields it to first base, putting striker out; man on first started for second, when ball was struck, and it was thrown to second before he (who only got half-way) reached there, and base touched by baseman, but base-runner was not touched. Was it a base-runner forced out, and was base-runner required to run base as soon as striker was out? 2. Is there any difference really between amateur and professional rules?" ——1. He was not forced, and not out unless touched. 2. Yes.

C. F. S., Parker City.—"1. What is the net gift of the mainmast of the largest of the yachts in New-York, also of the sailing packets? Myself and a friend have a dispute as to the above. The vessel is over one hundred and twenty-five feet. 2. What is the height of the masts of the Mohawk?" ——1. 6.05ft. 7. About, 170ft., inclusive of maintopmast. 3. Mainmast and, maintopmast, 156.05ft.; foremast and foretopmast, 150ft. It is the Mohawk's mainmast that is given in answer to the first question, she being higher-rigged than any other yacht afloat.

T. B., Shreveh.—"There are three base-runners on the base, and the batsman bats a fly ball, which is caught and held by the second-baseman for three or four seconds and then dropped (on purpose) and caught on first bound by the first-baseman, who touches the base-runner while he is standing on second base, and throws the ball to first, who touches the base-runner on first base while he is standing on the base also. Does this put the base-runner out? When is a fly-ball caught or momentarily held?" ——Yes; the batsman is out.

VANCOUVER.—1. There is no record of such a performance in Maryland. Capt. McGown, John Stewart, Trustee, Lady Fulton and Mattie Howard have all trotted twenty miles within the hour, in this country, the best time being 58.25 by Capt. McGown. Stewart's is 58.30; Trustee, 59.30; and Lady Fulton's, 59.55. Stewart also trotted it to wagon in 59.23. 3. There is no time of record in England, the horses not being definitely timed. In this country—Kadi, 1:41½, one mile, True Blue, 2:32½, two miles; Norfolk, 5: 7½, three miles; Fellowcraft, 7:19½, four miles.

SHAKESPEARE.—1. Mr. C. Goodwin performed at the Howard Athenæum, Boston, Mass., before he appeared at Tony Pastor's in this city. 2. Sol Smith Russell is traveling this season with the Berger family. 3. The styles of the two performers named differ widely, one being a mimic and character delineator, and the other a comic singer and dancer. The latter commands the larger salary, about $250 perweek. The other, from $50 to $100 per week, according to the length of the engagement.

H. F. E., Baltimore.—"A, B, and C are playing poker. B antes and C straddles. A deals and gives himself six cards, but gives the other two the right number. Now, what we want to know is what A does; he has no monopoly to call the other two before he announced that he had six cards before looking at their faces, or even raising them, he deals over again; if he looked at the cards, or raised them, before making that announcement, he has no right to call and he must stand out of the game during that round.

B. & F., Cincinnati.—Don and sancho and pedro are all innovations; and, in canning out, the higher card in each deal takes, regardless of the suit. Sancho is one of the fact that the original innovation was pedro, with no either don or sancho. Sometimes it is only pedro still, at other times it is sancho-pedro, and again don-pedro, and sancho-pedro. All have something different card. Logically, the card that is highest should count 9 at.

DON PEDRO, Evansville.—1. The same player holds the ace of trumps and draw before the last card is drawn, it is a misdeal. If after the draw, the sixth card is to be returned to the pack—provided in both cases the holder of the sixth card had neither raised his hand nor looked at his cards. If he has done either, his hand is foul in both cases. 2. If he "skips down and out."

J. C. C., St. Louis.—"Inform me of the length of the longest river in the United States, and on what authority you base your opinion. I have a bet pending on your decision, and believe the Missouri River is the longest, and my friend says the Mississippi." ——The Missouri is both longer and much larger. Its length is variously given at from 3,000 to 3,500 miles. Its length is probably not known. "Mitchell's map" gives it as 3,000, and "Appleton's Cyclopædia" as 3,096.

C. A. R., Louisville.—"A and B play seven-up. B deals, spades being trumps. A lands the king of hearts, B plays jack of spades but took it up again for the purpose of making a different play. A asked B if he had suit (which was he urts); B answered 'Yes.' A allowed B to change his play thinking of course that is would follow suit. He did not, but played a trump. Had he a right to do so?" ——No.

W. T. H., Lawrence.—Send on a deposit if you wish the challenge inserted.

CHRIS S., New-Haven.—W. Perkins, the English champion, has twice walked eight miles in an hour.

T. J. D., Albany.—Joe Coburn and Bill Clark have not sparred publicly with bloaked gloves since 1863.

H. R.—There is no truth in the report. His wife still lives.

SARTAZOG, Memphis.—"In James' "Book of Rules" contains what you want. See advertisement.

E. A. BOYLE, Macon.—See THE CLIPPER ALMANAC; price 15 cents.

WILL, Chicago.—If, at time of making the bet, the word "by" was used instead of "on," A wins.

A. E. BERGER, Newark.—No run counts if the striker is put out on first base and is third out.

E. A., Kosciusko.—At cribbage, 4 persons and an ace count 2—12 by 15's and 12 for double pair-royal.

CHARLIE AND JOHN.—1. 1:41¼, by Kadi. 2. That time of Kentucky is not a public record.

CACKA.—Edwin Booth never performed in the Old Bowery Theatre. Will answer your other next week.

OLD READER.—We may possibly be able to inform you in our next issue.

E. C. R., Wilkesbarre.—The Katie Putnam Troupe is now being reorganized, and will shortly start upon a tour. Watch our dramatic summary.

CHARLES, Detroit.—Alcaci was born in St. Hyacinthe, P. Q. near Montreal. 2. Her real name is Emma Lajeunesse. 3. She never sang in a church choir in this city.

F. A. R., Portland.—1. Examine a map of New-York, to find the post-towns, villages and cities. 2. Yes. 3. Neither Ed. Harrigan nor Tony Hart is married.

E. ARNOLD, Providence.—The books are all out of print, and it is not probable that another edition will be published.

MUGGINS.—The late Ned O'Baldwin never served a term in a Pennsylvania State Prison. He was confined his wife in Pateroon, N. J., for nonpayment of board.

CARBERGE, Columbus.—Is it not a fair cut to leave only one card on the table when cutting in any part of the game of cribbage.

H. D. H.—If you refer the name of each character in a play and change it to a general context, still you infringe upon the rights of the author or owner.

LOGINVILLE.—B goes out on his high, having also made jack and game. To low is valueless.

H. N. H., Erie.—Yes; a player can be put out in that way.

T. E.—The Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire, Oct. 5, 1858.

BACKGAMMON.—A "backgammon" is equivalent to three hits or games.

UMPIRE, Howell.—1. The first to claim out is out at cassino. 2. Striker is out.

CAN A DUCK SWIM? Phila.—The simply thrown ball would go the farther.

A. B., Holyoke.—Nat Langham defeated Tom Sayers.

PROF. LEON.—Your card will cost $11.70 for six weeks.

L. D.—Charley Smith has retired on a farm in Jersey.

HENRY, Saco.—The player who held high-low is out.

TWO READERS, Albany.—The bet is not off.

B. RUTHERFORD.—George Washington.

J. L. KAIR.—See answer to "J. H. M."

FOSTER & Co., Detroit.—The bet is off.

W. J. MC., Providence.—Cannot say.

LA FAYETTE.—See CLIPPER ALMANAC.

THE EXPERIMENT of half-price days at the Centennial Exposition, which was tried for the first time on Saturday last, was a complete success, the attendance being greater than even the most sanguine of its advocates had anticipated, a steady stream of visitors pouring in at each entrance from 8 o'clock the south of Hungary have been indicted for high treason for conspiring to excite civil war; that Mr. Disraeli's investiture of the Seal is probably only temporary, pending the reorganization of the Cabinet; and that the English Parliament was prorogued by royal commission.——John T. Abbott, aged sixty-nine, committed suicide by shooting near Preston, Ill., Aug. 20.——A. R. Johnson of Bristol, N. H., was arrested for the murder of his wife.——While standing on top of a railroad car, Charles Burr of Bergen, Mass., struck a bridge, and was instantly killed.——Patrick Monahan of this city was stabbed to death by his stepson, James Mulhearn, aged 17.——Losses by fire: the New Jersey Rubber Company's orchard and fruit-house, $2,500.——000, mortally injured; Brennan, Johnson & Morris's planing-mill, the Russell Hotel and several dwellings, a: Somerset, O.—loss $25,000, insured for $2,000; Baker & Bro.'s store, Buffalo, N. Y.—loss $15,000, uninsured; the First Presbyterian Church, Dayton, O.—loss $25,000; insured for $13,000.

☞ Aug. 16: George S. Winters, a wealthy resident of Caitlin, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging himself.——Patrick Kelly, a railroad employé in Indiana.——A brakeman named Coalus lost his life by a collision between freight trains near Bordentown, N. J.——Frank Tiernan was killed by being caught in machinery at Albion, N. Y.——While walking on the railroad track near Rhinebeck, N. Y., Bartley Slynes was struck by a car and instantly killed.——John Norton stabbed Michael Condon, perhaps fatally, in Boston, Mass.——Bill Mockell and Jack Neefly, colored, were arrested for the murder of Wiley McClish, a farmer, near Fort Donelson Tenn., they confessed.——Joseph Parker in Jersey City was killed by a train.——Samuel Walsan, Ind.——Losses by fire: the Winona Woollen Mills, at Peabody, Mass.—loss $10,000, uninsured; John H. Cody & Co.'s store works, at Fort Wayne, Ind.—loss $5,000.——Lumber Co.'s office, D. A. Frank & Co.'s steam shingle mill, Fairfield, Me.—loss $8,500, no insurance; Brown's steam saw mill, at Ellsworth, N. H.—loss $8,000, insurance $2,000.

☞ Aug. 18: European dispatches stated that the Serbian army was reorganized and ready to assume the offensive; that at an extraordinary cabinet council, Prince Milan presiding, it was resolved to continue the war to the last extremity; that Colonel Despotovico had defeated the Turks at Petrovatz, and set fire to the town; that great excitement again prevailed in Constantinople; that a Greek paper is being again prosecuted for publishing articles insulting the Chamber of Deputies; and that the financial crisis in Portugal was causing many bank suspensions.——Patrick Carr, aged 75, killed his wife in Paterson, N. J.——Th six Fenian military prisoners who escaped from the penal colony of West Australia, in April last, arrived at New York on board the bark Catalpa.——The steamer Kennedy, while coupling cars in Jersey City, N. J., was run over and fatally injured.——Losses by fire; the Norfolk County (Mass.) Nursery—loss $30,000, insurance $10,000; Philip O'Neil's hotel and three adjoining houses, in Rosendale, Mass.—loss $20,000, fully insured; the Children's Home in Portsmouth, O.—loss $15,000, uninsured; Edward Rosencrance's barn and outbuildings at Bloomville, N. Y.——loss $10,000; Capt. John Patterson's house and barn at Warren, Me.—loss $5,000, partially insured.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Weekly Record of the Decease of Prominent Individuals.

COMPILED EXPRESSLY FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

ABBOTT, John T.—Brother of Timothy Abbott, president of the Mechanics' National Bank of Trenton, N. J. Suicide, Aug. 15, by blowing his brains out with a shot-gun—near Trenton, Aug. 15.

BEMENT, Rev. William.—A leading Congregational minister. He was a native of Ashfield, Mass., and for a number of years was a resident of Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y.—Found dead in the woods of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Manhattanville, N. Y., Aug. 16, aged 70.

BOWLER, Miss Annie Kemp.—(See Dramatic)—Philadelphia, Aug. 21.

CROWELL, Thomas P.—A resident of Norfolk, Va., but forty years ago was a sea captain sailing out of the port of Philadelphia.—Cape May, N. J., Aug. 16, aged 79.

COOK, Josephine.—Wife of Henry Cook, and daughter of Joseph Booker, of this city.—Newark, N. J., Aug. 20.

DALLAS, Joseph H.—Employed at the Philadelphia Navy-Yard for nearly forty years as a ship-carpenter. He was formerly an active member of Weccacoe Engine Co. Killed by falling from a plank in the dry-dock of the city.—Aged 66.

DOUGLASS, Thomas G.—Born near Newport, R. I., and became a mason and bricklayer. More than twenty-five years ago he settled in Brooklyn, E. D., and in 1857 he was appointed inspector of masonry on the Brooklyn Water Works. He subsequently superintended all the bridges and masonry in Prospect Park, and as superintendent of masonry of the Brooklyn Bridge, had the first stone thereof—Lowell, Mass., Aug. 14, aged about 66.

FENNELL, William—Long a clerk in the Kensington Bank, and for upwards of twenty-five years a teller of the Philadelphia Gas Company.—Philadelphia, Aug. 17, aged 80.

FIELD, Benjamin.—Widely known in this State, and for many years an active member of the Republican party.—Albion, near Holbrook, N. Y., Aug. 14.

GEE, Dr. John Henry.—A leading physician in Florida. During the Rebellion he was in command of the Salisbury Prison. Said to have been burned to death in an attempting to blow up a house with gunpowder to stay a fire that had broken out in Quincy, Fla.—there, recently.

GRAVES, Rufus R.—For many years a leading cottonmerchant in Wall and Pearl streets, this city, supplying the great manufacturers of New-England, besides making extensive purchases and sales of cotton "upon the street."——Was a native of Hartford, Conn., and came to this city about 1841, but for about thirty years, or until his removal to Morristown, N. J., he resided in Brooklyn. He retired from active business something like five years ago, and spent the Spring of 1874 in the Peninsular Campaign, and in "Grant's encampment, Desert of Sinai," the latter in water colors. In 1855 he was elected president of the Water Color Society but resigned his office in 1858. In July, 1859, he was elected Associate of the Royal Academy, and R. A. in 1865.—London, Eng., about Aug. 18, aged 71.

LOGAN, Peter.—Well known in Philadelphia as a business man and as a politician. He was at one time an unsuccessful candidate for the office of Sheriff—that city, Aug. 15, aged 72.

LOWTHER, Henry.—Earl of Lonsdale, and a member of the British House of Peers. He was born on March 27, 1818, and was the eldest son of the late Hon. Henry Cecil Lowther, by Lady Lucy, daughter of the fifth Earl of Harborough. In 1852 he married Emily Susan, eldest daughter of Sir George Pocklington Eliot Graham Colin. He was educated at Westminster and at Cambridge, where he was graduated in 1838. In 1841 he entered the army as sub-lieutenant in the First Life-guards, became captain in 1849, and retired in 1854. He was appointed Lord-lieutenant of Cumberland and Westmoreland in 1868. In politics he was a Con servative. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1847 without opposition, and on the death of his father, a few years ago, succeeded him as a member of the House of Peers.—London, Eng., Aug. 15.

MURPHY, Capt. P. N.—Formerly an officer in the U. S. Navy, and at the breaking out of the Rebellion he was in command of the mosquito-fleet of Pamunkey River, before the gunboat Selma in her engagement with Farragut's vessels in Mobile (Ala.) Harbor. At his request he was buried in accordance with the rites of the Spiritualists. Attacked by apoplexy while bathing, and drowned—Mobile, recently.

RANDALL, Henry S., L. L. D.—Well known as a writer upon agricultural topics. Born in Madison County, N. Y., in 1811, and graduated from Union College in 1830; studied law, but never practiced; held the office of Secretary of the State of New-York; was Superintendent of Education, and the author of several works upon sheep husbandry, and a life of Thomas Jefferson. He was at one time associate editor of *Moore's Rural New-Yorker*.—Cortland Village, N. Y., Aug. 14.

SMITH, Rev. E. P.—Missionary in India. He was formerly President of the Howard University, and Commissioner of Indian Affairs during West Coast of Africa, latter part of June.

SCHLICT, Matthias.—As far back as forty years ago kept a restaurant on the Frankfort road, near the "Stone Bridge."—Philadelphia—that city, Aug. 16, aged 74.

SLACK, Elijah T.—Of the firm of Cresswell, Slack & La Lanne, drygoods dealers, Philadelphia—that city, Aug. 14, aged 52.

VAN KIRK, Mary Augusta—Widow of Dr. John R. Van Kirk—this city, Aug. 15.

VAUGHAN, "Aunt Patsy"—An aged colored woman, whose youngest child, still living, is seventy-five years of age. During the past dozen years she had been perfectly helpless. It is said that she looked more like a mummy than a human being, and that it was the intention of friends, had her condition permitted, to have sent her to the Centennial.—Amelia Springs, Va., a few days ago, aged 114.

WATT, Dr. Robert T.—Philadelphia physician—Cape May, N. J., Aug. 18, aged 63.

WHITE, Rev. S. S.—For 26 years past occupied the pulpit of the Tenth United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia—that city, Aug. 16.

THE TURF.

SARATOGA SECOND SUMMER MEETING.

FOURTH DAY—TUESDAY, AUG. 15.

The weather was intensely hot, but a cool breeze prevailed on the racecourse; and as the grand stand is acknowledged to be one of the coolest places in Saratoga, it was largely patronized. In consequence of Captain Conner's resignation, the duties of starter were entrusted to Mr. Egbert M. Johnson, President of the Cincinnati Association, who, with the assistance of Mr. Winn of Tennessee, introduced a system of starting new to this section. The latter took the horses a sufficient distance above the start ing point to get them well in line and in motion, and then gave them the word, which if satisfactory Mr. Johnson, standing nearly opposite the starting post, confirmed by dropping his flag. This system is in use in Canada, and is said to work well.

The first horse was a dash of three-quarters of a mile, for all ages, for a purse of $400; beaten maidens allowed 5lb. Six horses entered and started, viz., McDaniel's Madge, 5yra., 117lb.; Longstaff's Freebooter, 3yra., 108lb.; Smith's Inspiration, 5yrs., 117lbs.; P. Lorillard's Courier, 3yrs., 108lb.; Ayres' bay colt by Baywood, dam Dot, 3yrs., 105lb., and Ciabaugh's Cyril, 3yrs., 105lbs. Freebooter's successful running caused the betting men to back him against the entire field, odds ranging as under:

	$105	$60	$100	$100
The field	50	35	45	50

The flag fell with Inspiration in the lead, Madge and Cyril close on his quarters, and they ran thus across the inclosure, down the diagonal track, until entering the regular track near the half-mile post, the latter there closing upon the leaders, and being but half a length behind the Canada mare at that point. Around the lower turn Inspiration, Madge and Freebooter raced abreast, and they entered the homestretch on even terms. Halfway up the straight, at the furlong-pole, Inspiration took a long lead, and a desperate struggle home ensued between Freebooter and Madge, the latter, who was ridden by Johnson with great determination, just managing to win a splendid race by half a head only, in the very last stride and right on the post. Inspiration was third, Courier fourth, Bayswood colt fifth and Cyril last. The time, 1:51¾, was remarkably fast, considering the weights carried.

The next race was a free handicap for all ages, one mile and three-quarters, for which a field comprising the following six horses came to the post: Hitchcock's Galway, 5yrs., 110lb; Beattie's Burgoo, 5yrs., 109lb; Dwyer & Co.'s Vigil, 4yrs., 100lb, and Sanford's Gray Friar, 4yrs., 105lb; Doswell's Invoice, 4yrs., 104lb, and Reed's Gray Friar (late Gray Steel) 4yrs., 102lb. The success of Madge in the previous race caused a run on the McDaniel entry for the present one, and the pools averaged as under:

	$250	$350	$550	$200
Invoice	180	330	480	450
Galway	125	210	260	180
Burgoo	120	160	190	130
Gray Friar	100	155	190	100

When, after three breakaways, the flag fell, Burgoo was in front, with Gray Friar, Big Sandy, Galway, Vigil, and Invoice following in the order named, the last-named filly being slow to move off. Running down the fractional track Gray Friar assumed the lead, with Vigil as his next attendant, the pair running up the straight in the same order back, and going lapped under the string, two lengths in front of Burgoo and Invoice. Halfway along the backstretch Burgoo and the Virginia filly closed on the leaders, and at the half-mile pole Gray Friar had had enough of it, and fell back beaten, leaving Vigil with a lead of two lengths before Burgoo, which he retained along the lower turn and into the stretch. When fairly into the straight Holloway called on Burgoo, and the little horse, responding gamely, challenged and passed Vigil, and, despite all Spillman's efforts on the latter to regain the lead, he won by two lengths from Vigil, Galway beating Vigil for second money. Time, 3:07¾.

The mile-and-eighth race for a purse of $500, for all ages, beaten maidens allowed 7lb., was the third race on the programme. Only four horses entered and started: Dwyer & Bro.'s Rhadamanthus, 4yrs., 118lb.; McDaniel's Madge, 5yrs., 119lb.; Davis Bros.' May D., 6yrs., 98lb., and Grinstead's Mettle, 3yrs., 103lb. May D. was made first choice, but, for the third race in succession this day, the backers of the favorite came to grief. Pools sold at the following rates:

	$300	$305	$400	$600
May D.	300	310	305	440
Mettle	120	135	215	375
Rhadamanthus	100	90	90	120
Madge				

Madge stumbled and nearly came down on herhead, the moment the flag fell, and all the others passed her Mettle being in front. At the stand May D. ran into the lead, with Mettle, Radamanthus and Madge a length behind and running in a bunch so that a sheet would have covered the four. Going around the turn Madge was given her head, and she rushed to the front at such a strong pace as to lead the field a length on the clear ground on the homestretch. She retained this advantage along the lower turn and into the homestretch, where May D. crept up, got on even terms with her at the furlong post and appeared to have the race in hand. But Barbee brought up Rhadamanthus and challenged the pair opposite the judges' stand, and, riding the black colt with resolution, he won by a length in 1:59¾, May D. beating Madge a neck for second money.

The handicap hurdle race for all ages, for a purse of $650, of which $150 to the second horse, two miles, over eight hurdles, was the fourth and last race on the card. Six horses entered and started, viz., Mr. Dudley's Resolute, 142 lbs.; Fisher & Carson's Kelso, 139 lbs.; Donahue's Stanford, 140 lbs.; Reed's Trouble, 157 lbs.; Green's Milton, 130 lbs.; and Ayre's Wyndham, 130 lbs. Trouble, although he had so often disappointed his stable and backers, was again installed the favorite, the following odds ruling:

	$100	$100	$300	$500
Trouble	50	65	150	205
Kelso	30	50	110	180
Resolute	30	30	95	155
Stanford	15	20	40	80
Wyndham	15	20	50	135
Milton	10	15	25	45

Trouble went off with the lead, and jumped the first hurdle before Wyndham and Rosolute, who were close on his quarters. Resolute took second place at the turn, and lay just behind Trouble throughout the first mile, Stanford being third, Milton next, and Kelso and Wyndham the whippers-in. All jumped the hurdles in good style, but on entering the second mile Trouble tired badly, and fell behind Resolute and Stanford, who raced together to the last hurdle almost abreast, while the Canada horse, Kelso, was close on their flanks. A fine finish resulted, Resolute winning by a neck before Kelso, who ran fast up the straight, but could not beat the winner, although he took second money from Stanford. Time, 3:54.

FIFTH DAY—THURSDAY, AUG. 17,

Notwithstanding the weather was cooler, and consequently pleasanter than on any of the previous days of the meeting, there was a falling-off in the number of visitors. The track was in good order, and fast time was made, notwithstanding the heavy weights now carried.

The first race was for three-year-olds, beaten maidens allowed 10lbs., for a purse of $500, for which the following four horses entered and ran:—D. McDaniel's Brother to Bassett, 118lb; Messrs. Davis' Romney, 118lbs.; P. Lorillard's Courier, 111lbs.; and J. O'Donnell's Josie C, 106lbs. Brother to Bassett was in so great a demand that he sold at 2 to 1 over any named horse, and almost as even money over the field. The last pools sold were at the subjoined rates:—

	$325	$500	$400	$325
Brother to Bassett	100	$95	$110	$250
Courier	40	30	35	35
Josie C	50	40	40	45
Romney	50	50	50	120

The flag fell with Courier in the lead, Josie C. second, Romney third and Brother to Bassett fourth, the latter being left at the post. Running down the backstretch Courier increased his lead to a length

BASEBALL.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED.

LEAGUE CLUBS.

Aug. 21, 22, Hartford vs. Boston, at Hartford.
Aug. 22, 24, 26, Cincinnati vs. Louisville, at Cincinnati.
Aug. 22, 24, 26, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Chicago.
Aug. 23, 24, Athletic vs. Boston, at Philadelphia.
Aug. 25, 26, Mutual vs. Boston, Union Grounds, Brooklyn.
Aug. 29 30, Louisville vs. Allegheny, at Allegheny, Pa.

Aug. 22, Hudson vs. Goodwill, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 22, Arlington of S. I. vs. Excelsior, at Stapleton, S. I.
Aug. 22, Enterprise vs. Our Boys, at Jersey City, N. J.
Aug. 22, Putnam vs. Quickstep, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 23, Alpha vs. Astor, at Stapleton.
Aug. 23, Defiance vs. Campbell, at Philadelphia.
Aug. 22, Buckeye vs. Allegheny, at Columbus, O.
Aug. 22, Chelsea vs. Brooklyn vs. Cricket, at Binghamton, N.Y.
Aug. 23, Buckeye vs. Louisville, at Columbus, O.
Aug. 23, Chelsea vs. Star, at Syracuse, N. Y.
Aug. 23, Tecumseh vs. St. Lawrence, at Kingston, Ont.
Aug. 23, Orange vs. Our Boys, at Orange, N. J.
Aug. 23, Quickstep vs. Knickerbocker, at Manhattan, N. Y.
Aug. 23, Monticello vs. Alpha of Staten Island, at Jersey City.
Aug. 23, Olympic of Paterson vs. Alaska, at Jersey City.
Aug. 24, Arlington of Staten Island vs. Allen, at Stapleton Flats.
Aug. 24, Hoboken vs. Mutual, at Hoboken
Aug. 24, 31, Orange vs. Nassau, at Orange, N. J.
Aug. 24, Enterprise vs. Chatham, at Jersey City.
Aug. 24, Quickstep vs. Clipper, at Manhattan.
Aug. 24, Buckeye vs. Allegheny, at Gibson, Pa., O.
Aug. 24, Chelsea vs. Ilion, at Ilion, N. Y.
Aug. 24, Tecumseh vs. Brownsville, at Port Hope, Ont.
Aug. 25, Mohawk vs. Alpha, at Stapleton Flats.
Aug. 25, Quickstep vs. Fly Away, at Melrose, N. Y.
Aug. 25, Olympic of Paterson vs. Alaska, at Jersey City.
Aug. 25, Mutual of N. Y. vs. Oneida, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 25, Defiance vs. Campbell, at Philadelphia.
Aug. 25, Chelsea vs. Ithaca, at Ithaca, N. Y.
Aug. 25, Cricket vs. Wilsbarre, at Scranton, Pa.
Aug. 26, Tecumseh vs. Toronto, at Toronto, Ont.
Aug. 26, Athletic vs. Alert, at Philadelphia.
Aug. 26, Putnam vs. Athletic of L. I. C., at Brooklyn.
Aug. 26, Witoka vs. Crescent, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 26, Arlington of S. I. vs. Richmond, at Staplon Flats.
Aug. 26, Active vs. Our Boys, at Elizabeth, N. J.
Aug. 26, Contest vs. Winona of Flatbush, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 26, Hoboken vs. New York, at Jersey City.
Aug. 26, Nameless vs. Winona, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 26, Chelsea vs. Utica, at Utica, N. Y.
Aug. 28, Tecumseh vs. St. Louis, at London, Ont.
Aug. 28, 29, Boston vs. Star, at syracuse, N. Y.
Aug. 29, Orange vs. Hudson, at Orange.
Aug. 30, Athletic vs. Defiance, at Philadelphia.
Aug. 30, Tecumseh vs. Chicago, at London, Ont.
Aug. 30, Montgomery vs. Alpha, at Stapleton Flats.
Aug. 30, Contest vs. Union of Unionville, at Brooklyn.
Aug. 30, Auburn vs. Boston, at Auburn.
Aug. 31, Ithaca vs. Boston, at Ithaca, N. Y.
Sept. 1, Cricket vs. Boston, at Binghamton, N. Y.
Sept. 2, Haymaker vs. Boston, at Lansingburg, N. Y.
Sept. 2, Tecumseh vs. Ottawa, at Ottawa, Ont.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN.

The battle for the League pennant still goes on, and as yet it is an open question as to which nine will lead the crowd by the close of the season, though the Chicago nine still hold a long lead. The struggle for second and third positions, however, is close, and at present quite interesting. Up to Aug. 20, inclusive, the eight clubs had yet to play the following number of games with each other:

	Athletic.	Boston.	Chicago.	Cincinnati.	Hartford.	Louisville.	Mutual.	St. Louis.	Games Played.	Games to Play.
Athletic	...	2	4	4	0	4	3	4	21	21
Boston	2	...	2	4	0	4	4	4	20	22
Chicago	2	4	...	4	0	4	4	4	22	20
Cincinnati	4	4	4	...	0	5	3	4	24	18
Hartford	4	4	4	4	...	4	4	4	28	14
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	42
Mutual	3	2	4	3	0	4	...	4	25	17
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	...	4	38
Games Won	15	16	18	19	0	29	18	24	Games Played.	Games to Play.

By estimating the work already accomplished by each club by the record of victories won and games lost, a very fair calculation can be arrived at in regard to each club's chances for winning the pennant. Record of games won and lost by each club up to Aug. 20, inclusive:

	Athletic.	Boston.	Chicago.	Cincinnati.	Hartford.	Louisville.	Mutual.	St. Louis.	Games Won.	Games Lost.
Athletic	...	1	1	4	1	2	4	0	13	8
Boston	1	...	2	3	0	2	7	3	18	6
Chicago	5	6	...	10	3	9	6	3	42	6
Cincinnati	2	0	0	...	0	1	0	2	5	6
Hartford	4	3	4	4	...	4	4	4	32	6
Louisville	2	1	1	6	1	...	3	5	23	19
Mutual	3	1	1	1	4	3	...	4	19	6
St. Louis	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	...	5	33
Games lost	16	12	9	29	9	24	24	21	Games Won.	Games Lost.

A summary of the above shows the clubs occupying the following relative positions in the pennant race:

	Won.	Lost.	Draws.	Played.
Chicago	40	10	0	50
St. Louis	33	15	0	48
Hartford	32	14	0	46
Boston	26	20	0	46
Louisville	23	28	3	54
Mutual	19	26	1	46
Athletic	13	36	1	50
Cincinnati	5	43	0	49
Totals	192	192	6	390

HARTFORD vs. BOSTON.

The nine from Hartford, Ct., made their appearance in Boston, Mass., Aug. 18, and in the afternoon met the Reds. The game was finely played, but very damaging errors on the part of the home team lost them the game by one run. Neither nine scored until the fourth inning, when the Hartfords, after retiring their opponents for nix, scored three runs. Higham was sent to centre-field for a base, and stole second. Ferguson got first on an error by Wright, who held the ball too long, to prevent Higham from taking third. The latter player was forced at third on Cary's hit; Bond went out at first, and York brought in two runs by his hit to Whitney, who fumbled the ball, York taking second, and scoring on Mill's safe hit to centre. Harbidge went out on a fly to O'Rourke. In the succeeding inning the Reds saw this and went one better, which left them one ahead, when the Hartfords went out without adding to their score. Brown led off by putting the ball between Ferguson's legs, and stole second. Morrill struck out. Manning hit safe, sending Brown to third; and the latter scored on an attempt of the pitcher to put out Manning, who tried to steal second after reaching first. Manning came home on Schafer's brilliant two-baser to left. Whitney hit safe for a base to left, Schafer going to third. Whitney stole second, and they both came home on George's hit to right and a muff by Mills. This was doing very well, and put the friends of the Bostons in good humor; but the Reds failed to hold their advantage, not making a run thereafter, while in the seventh inning York, for Hartford, after two balls and two strikes had been called, took first on a bad fumble by Morrill, second on Mills' out at first, and came home on Allison's strike to George, who fumbled, but fielded the latter striker out at first. This tied the score and caused considerable excitement, and it was not allayed when, at their next turn at the bat, the Nutmeggers placed themselves just one run in advance. After two balls, two strikes and a good ball had been called, Burdock got to first base on a fair-foul to left, made a clean steal to third, and came home on Schafer's miss of Brown's throw to cut him off. Neither side scored in the final inning, thus leaving the Hartford lads triumphant.

HARTFORD.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BOSTON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Remsen, c. f.	5	0	1	2	0	Wright, s. s.	4	0	1	2	6
Burdock, 2d b	4	1	3	2	1	Leonard, l. f.	4	0	0	0	0
Higham, r. f.	4	1	1	0	0	O'Rourke, c.	4	0	7	0	0
Ferguson, 3b	4	1	2	2	2	Murnan, 1st b	4	0	14	0	0
Cary, s. s.	4	1	0	1	0	Morrill, 2d b	4	0	1	4	1
Bond, p.	4	0	0	1	0	Manning, p.	3	1	0	2	1
York, r. f.	4	1	0	0	0	Schafer, 3d b	3	1	1	3	2
Mills, 1st b.	4	0	12	0	2	Whitney, r. f.	3	1	2	0	2
Harbidge, c.	2	0	2	2	0						
Allison, 3d b	2	0	0	2	0						
Totals	37	5	6	27	13	6	Totals	33	4	8	27	16	8

Hartford	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0—5
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1—4

Runs earned—Boston, 2. Umpire, Mr. Deschamps of Hartford. Time, 2h. 25m.

There were some two thousand persons on the grounds on the 19th, when the Reds unexpectedly caused a break in the chain of successes achieved by the Hartfords, who failed to play up to their usual standard, and were laid out very cold.

BOSTON.	T.	R.	1B.	P.	O.	A.	E.	HARTFORD.	T.	R.	1B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Wright, s. s.	6	2	3	0	4	0		Remsen, c. f.	4	0	0	4	1	2	
Leonard, l. f.	4	0	1	0	2	0		Burdock, 2d b	4	0	0	2	2	4	
O'Rourke, c.	5	1	1	0	10	0		Higham, c.	4	1	2	0	2	0	
Murnan, 1b.	5	1	0	1	0	1		Ferguson, 3b	4	0	2	0	3	2	
Brown, 2d b	5	0	1	0	2	2		Cary, s. s.	4	0	1	2	2	3	
Morrill, 3d b	5	0	1	0	0	2		Bond, p.	4	0	1	0	2	2	
Manning, p.	5	2	1	0	3	2		York, r. f.	4	0	1	2	0	0	
Schafer, 3d b	5	2	2	0	2	1		Mills, 1st b.	4	0	1	0	11	0	
Whitney, r. f.	4	1	1	4	5	2		Allison, r. f.	4	0	1	0	1	0	
Total	47	13	16	27	15	7		Total	37	4	11	27	12	15	

Boston	1	0	0	7	0	2	0	2	1	0—13
Hartford	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1—4

Struck out—Boston, 2; Hartford, 3. Two-base hits—George Wright, Higham and Bond, 2 each; O'Rourke, Whitney and Ferguson, 1 each; total, 9. First base on errors—Boston, 4; Hartford, 3. Passed balls—Higham, 2. Earned runs—Boston, 7; Hartford, 1. Left on bases—Boston, 5; Hartford, 6. Base on called balls—Hartford, 1. Wild pitch—Manning. 1. Umpire, Mr. Ducharme of the Staten Island Club. Time, 2h. 30m.

ST. LOUIS vs. CHICAGO.

Like the game on the 15th inst., the meeting between these nines at St. Louis, Mo., 18, resulted in the success of the Browns. It was probably the finest game ever witnessed there, the St. Louis boys making but two errors and their opponents only one. Not a run was scored until the ninth inning, when, after one was out, Dehlman earned his base. Then Pike was captured on a short fly. Clapp's clean hit drove Dehlman to third. A base-hit was all that was wanted to win the game, and McGeary stepped up and planted a long one in centre field, on which he took second, and two men scored. Battin made a good hit to right, and McGeary scored. Cuthbert was third out.

ST. LOUIS.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	CHICAGO.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Pike, c. f.	0	1	1	0	0	Barnes, 2d b	0	0	2	2	0
Clapp, s. s.	0	1	3	5	1	Peters, s. s.	0	0	2	3	0
McGeary, 2d b	1	2	2	4	0	McVey, 1st b	0	0	11	0	0
Battin, 3d b.	0	1	3	4	0	Anson, 3d b.	0	0	0	2	0
Cuthbert, l. f.	0	0	2	1	0	Addie, c.	0	0	5	1	0
Blong, r. f.	0	0	1	0	0	Hines, c. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Pearce, s. s.	0	0	1	2	0	Spalding, p.	0	0	0	5	0
Bradley, p.	0	0	1	0	0	Bielaski, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Dehlman, 1st b.	1	1	11	0	0	Glenn, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	8	27	12	2	Totals	0	1	27	12	1

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	—3
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Earned runs—St. Louis, 3. Struck out—Barnes, Spalding, Pike. Double-plays—Barnes, Peters and Anson, 1. Umpire, Mr. Walker of Cincinnati. Time, 1h. 45m.

WITOKA vs. MUTUAL.

On Aug. 18 these clubs played a good game at the Capitoline Grounds, Brooklyn, with this result:

WITOKA.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	MUTUAL.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
C. Flynn, 3d b.	2	1	4	1	1	Heyman, l. f.	1	0	3	0	0
Willett, s. s.	0	0	2	3	1	Hack, 2d b.	0	0	3	2	1
Dwyer, l. f.	0	0	1	3	0	Sheppard, 3d b.	1	2	1	3	2
Backe, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0	Smith, c. f.	0	0	0	0	1
Spencer, 1st b.	0	1	10	0	2	Hodes, s. s.	0	0	2	1	3
Armstrong, r. f.	1	1	0	0	0	Kramer, c.	0	0	8	4	1
Clare, p.	0	1	1	8	4	Boyer, 1st b.	0	0	9	0	1
Marsh, c.	0	1	7	1	2	Corcoran, p.	0	0	1	0	0
Dart, 3d b.	0	0	3	0	0	Allison, r. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	3	7	27	16	10	Totals	2	2	27	15	11

Witoka	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	—3
Mutual	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	—2

BRIDGEPORT vs. NEW HAVEN.

A game which was chiefly marked by loose play as both sides took place between these clubs at New Haven, Ct, Aug. 18, the visitors winning.

BRIDGEPORT.	R.	1B.	P.	O.	A.	E.	NEW HAVEN.	R.	1B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Briggs, 1st b.	2	1	11	0	0		Fleet, 2d b	0	0	3	2	3	
O'Rourke, s. t.	1	0	1	0	0	2	Watts, 1st b.	0	1	9	0	0	2
Smith, r.	0	0	1	0	0	1	Pabor, l. f.	1	2	3	2	0	
Darrigan, s. s.	2	1	0	1	0	3	Cassidy, p.	0	0	0	5	2	
Sulzg, p.	0	2	0	7	1	3	Spence, 3d b.	0	1	1	1	2	
Sullivan, 2d b	0	0	0	7	2	1	Nichols, s. s.	1	2	1	2	3	4
Hackett, 3d b.	0	0	1	1	1		Nichols, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0	
Rowan, c.	0	0	2	0	1		Reynolds, c.	0	0	2	0	0	
O'Donnell, l. f.	0	0	0	2	0		Seward, c.	0	0	7	2	0	
Totals	6	6	17	20	12		Totals	2	5	27	16	14	

Bridgeport	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	—6
New Haven	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	—2

First base by errors—Bridgeport, 8; New Haven, 6. Struck out—Each 4. Umpires, Mr. McLaughlin of New Haven. Time, 1h. 54m.

ALFRED AVERATON, secretary of the Locust B. B. Club, and L. N. Daird, manager of the San Francisco B. B. Club, are notified of letters awaiting them in our care.

CINCINNATI vs. LOUISVILLE.

But few people—probably five hundred—were spectators of the sixth game of the series between the above clubs, played at Louisville, Ky., Aug. 18, there being no game advertised on the 17th, the grounds being in order for play on account of recent, heavy rains. Play began promptly at four o'clock with the Reds at the bat, an arrangement having been made for the Cincinnatis to open the three games at Louisville, whilst the Louisvilles will do likewise in the three games at Cincinnati this week. The Louisvilles on this occasion played without an error, and won by a score of 4 to 1. The only innings which yielded runs are described. Second —Cincinnati—Pearson hit for one base. Snyder caught Dean out on a foul tip. Sweazy advanced Pearson to second, himself reaching first on a short fly to centre. Foley hit hard to right-centre, thereby reaching second himself and sending Pearson home and Sweazy to third. Louisville—Allison went out on a foul-fly to Pearson. Hastings hit a long one, which was cared for by Snyder. Fulmer cracked one to left over Snyder's head, on which he got to third, and was sent home on Charley Snyder's hit through Foley at third, too hot to hold. Seventh.—Louisville—Foley, after a long, hard run, captured Fulmer's high foul, and Snyder tipped out. Ryan hit through Foley and got to second, and scored on Collins' hit out of Sweazy's reach. Gerhardt made a home-run on a terrific drive over Snyder's head, Collins meanwhile trotting home. Devlin hit to left and Snyder captured the fly. Somerville having been called home by the illness of his wife, Gerhardt played second, and Allison, who had just recovered from a long sick spell, appeared again on first. Devlin was unfit for play, being decidedly under the weather; indeed, he should have been at home in bed. The Reds showed a marked improvement, both in the field and at the bat, over their exhibition in the game on the 15th.

LOUISVILLE.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	CINCINNATI.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gerhardt, 2d b.	1	1	4	3	0	Jones, c. f.	0	1	2	0	1
Devlin, 3d b.	0	0	0	0	0	Booth, s. s.	0	1	1	2	0
Hague, 3d b.	0	1	1	2	0	Gould, 1st b.	0	0	13	0	0
Allison, 1st b.	0	0	7	0	0	Pearson, c.	1	2	8	1	2
Hastings, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0	Dean, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Fulmer, c.	1	1	3	1	0	Sweazy, 2d b.	0	0	2	3	0
Snyder, c.	0	2	6	2	0	Foley, 3d b.	0	2	3	2	1
Ryan, l. f.	1	1	1	0	0	Williams, p.	0	0	0	2	0
Collins, r. f.	0	1	2	0	0	Snyder, l. f.	0	2	5	0	1
Totals	4	8	27	14	0	Totals	1	9	27	6	5

Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1
Louisville	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	—4

First base by errors—Louisville, 2; Cincinnati, 0. Runs earned—Louisville, 3; Cincinnati, 1. Devlin, 18; on Williams, 5. Strikes called—off Devlin, 30; off Williams, 19. Struck out—Jones, 1; Dean, 2; Ryan, 1; Allison, 1. Two-base hits—Gerhardt and Pearson. Three-base hit—Fulmer. Total base-hits—Louisville, 12; Cincinnati, 9. Left on bases—Louisville, 4; Cincinnati, 4. Passed balls—Pearson, 4. Wild pitches—Williams, 2. Double-plays—Gerhardt and Allison. Umpire, Robert Clack of the Cincinnati Club. Time, 1h. 55m.

A third game was played on the 19th, but it far from equaled the exhibition given on the day previously, though both nines played well. The features of the contest were Ryan's outfielding and Sweazy's second-base play. The Kentuckians again won.

LOUISVILLE.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	CINCINNATI.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Devlin, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0	Jones, c. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Gerhardt, 2d b.	0	1	1	3	1	Booth, s. s.	1	2	2	2	0
Hague, 3d b.	1	1	0	1	0	Gould, 1st b.	0	1	4	0	1
Clinton, 1st b.	1	1	9	0	0	Pearson, c.	1	1	7	1	0
Snyder, c.	1	1	3	1	4	Dean, r. f.	1	1	0	0	0
Fulmer, s. s.	0	1	0	2	1	Sweazy, 2d b.	0	1	8	5	0
Hastings, c. f.	1	2	0	0	0	Foley, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	0
Ryan, r. f.	1	2	2	0	0	Williams, p.	0	0	1	0	0
Collins, r. f.	0	1	2	0	1	Snyder, l. f.	0	2	5	0	1
Totals	6	12	27	8	7	Totals	3	10	27	9	5

Louisville	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	—5
Cincinnati	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3

First base by errors—Louisville, 4; Cincinnati, 4. Runs earned—Louisville, 5; Cincinnati, 1. Two-base hits—Devlin and Clinton. Three-base hits—Gerhardt and Ryan. Total base-hits—Louisville, 18; Cincinnati, 10. Double-plays—Booth, Sweazy, and Gould, 2; Foley, Sweazy, and Gould, 1.

STATEN ISLAND vs. NAMELESS.

On Aug. 19 the Nameless Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited Staten Island to play their return game with the Staten Island Club, the first of which was won by the Nameless by a score of 7 to 4. On arriving at the Washington the Brooklyn club found that the Staten Islanders intended playing Beach—formerly of the Princeton, Staten Island and other club nines—who had the previous week played in the Orange nine against the Staten Island Club. As this was regarded as objectionable by the Nameless Club, they declined to play unless Beach was withdrawn. The Islanders refused to withdraw him, and so the Brooklyn club left the field. They had not gone far, however, before they were called back, the Staten Island Club withdrawing Beach rather than not have a game.

Of the contest which took place all that is necessary to say is that the two nines, through excessive anxiety to defeat each other, failed to play up to their respective marks, the Nameless making several damaging misplays in their game. The Islanders had no necessity for introducing Beach, as in Worth they have a much better player for his position. As it was, they outfielded and outbatted their opponents.

STATEN ISLAND.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	NAMELESS.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Rowe, l. f.	2	2	0	0	0	Slade, 3d b.	0	0	3	3	3
James, s. s.	2	2	0	1	5	Valentine, p.	1	0	0	1	4
Havens, c.	0	2	4	1	0	Kerr, 1st b.	0	1	5	0	0
Dollard, 2d b.	0	0	1	0	2	Nelson, 2d b.	0	0	0	4	2
Worth, 3d b.	1	0	0	0	0	Lee, l. f.	0	1	2	0	1
McKinley, r. f.	0	1	1	0	0	Grierson, c.	1	0	2	0	0
Sanford, p.	0	1	2	4	1	Walters, 1st b.	1	0	7	1	7
Hitchcock, c. f.	1	1	0	1	0	Bigelow, s. s.	1	2	0	2	0
Rogers, 1st b.	1	0	11	0	1	Crosby, c. f.	0	1	2	0	0
Totals	7	9	30	17	9	Totals	4	5	27	11	17

Staten Island	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	—7
Nameless	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	—4

First base by errors—Staten Island, 13; Nameless, 6. Base on called balls—Staten Island, 1; Nameless, 2. Umpire, Mr. Cornwell of the Crescent Club. Time, 2h. 10m.

It is to be regretted that any ill-will should be created between two such clubs as the Nameless and Staten Island, both claiming to be legitimate amateur organizations, for we have too few of this class now. As a third game has yet to be played, it is to be hoped that all the preliminaries will be amicably arranged. Some very fine play was shown on both sides in this match, despite the numerous errors recorded, beautiful running-catches being made by Lee and Crosby of the Namelses, and good catches by Hitchcock and Dollard of the Island nine. The catching behind the bat by Beavens and Grierson was excellent, as both had rather wild and very swift pitching to attend to. In batting, Sanford and Bigelow took the lead. The game was well umpired by Mr. Cornwell, and was witnessed by a crowd of spectators, including several ladies, who had seats in the club tent. The grounds are free, the Staten Island Club not playing for gate-money, they refusing to share with the Orange Club at the last match.

CHELSEA vs. ACTIVE.

At Reading, Pa., on the 15th, the Chelseas of Brooklyn met the Actives, and won easily. At the end of the eighth inning the score stood 8 to 5 in favor of Chelsea, and in their half of the ninth they added one. James led off with a base-hit, and took second on error; Lauman batted an easy one to short-stop, who threw it to third to cut off James, the ball passing through third by at least fifteen feet. The Chelseas claimed that James kicked the ball out of third-baseman's hands, and the umpire decided James out. The Actives claimed the reverse, and, as the umpire was unable to see the play, wished him to reverse his decision, which he declined doing. The Actives refused to play, and the umpire decided the game a forfeit, 9 to 0 in favor of Chelsea.

CHELSEA.	R.	1B.	ACTIVE.	R.	1B.
Clair, c.	2	1	James, 1st b.	0	1
Wear, 2d b.	1	1	Lauman, r. f.	0	0
Hayes, l. f.	1	1	Heifert, 2d b.	0	0
Hourington, r. f.	1	0	Lovett, p.	0	1
Jones, p.	0	0	Kessler, c.	0	1
Dunne, 1st b.	0	0	Fields, c.	0	1
Cassidy, c. f.	0	0	Dillon, l. f.	0	0
Brennan, s. s.	0	0	Stout, 3d b.	0	0
Duffy, 3d b.	2	0	Maren, s. s.	0	0
Totals	9	7	Totals	0	5

Umpire, Mr. Brennan of Brooklyn. Time, 3h.

META vs. MINDON.

The Metas of Boston, Mass., defeated the Mindons of Salem, Aug. 12, after a well-contested game. Dillenback's arm still being lame, Lennon again pitched for the Metas, and with excellent effect. Small, brilliant plays were made, and a fine running foul catch by Kimball, a one-hand catch by Brown, and a running fly catch by Dillenback are noteworthy.

META.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	MINDON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Sweasy, l. f.	0	1	2	0	1	Jones, r. f.	1	1	3	0	1
Nelson, c. f.	1	1	1	0	0	Bitson, 1st b.	0	1	10	0	0
Dannce, 3d b.	0	2	5	2	0	Eastman, c. f.	1	2	1	0	0
Mills, r. f.	1	1	2	1	0	Stillman, s. s.	1	1	2	3	1
Dillenback, 2d b	1	2	4	3	1	Vincent, 3d b.	0	0	1	1	2
Fergusson, 1st b	0	0	13	0	0	Allen, c.	0	0	8	0	0
Kimball, c.	0	1	3	2	0	Brooks, 2d b.	0	0	3	2	1
Brown, s. s.	0	1	2	4	0	Strong, p.	0	0	1	1	0
Haskell, 1st b.	2	1	10	0	0	Carruth, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	5	11	27	14	4	Totals	3	6	27	7	5

Meta	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	—5
Mindon	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—3

Bases on called balls—Meta, 2; Mindon, 2. Struck out—Mindon, 1. Strikes called—off Strong, 19; off Lennon, 19. Earned runs—Meta, 3; Mindon, 2. Umpire, Mr. Amsden. Time, 2h.

STANDARD vs. ALLEGHENY.

On Aug. 17 the Allegheny Club of Allegheny, Pa., went to Wheeling, W. Va., and played an exciting game with the Standards, which resulted as follows:

STANDARD.	R.	ALLEGHENY.	R.
Barclay, 2d b.	0	Quest, 2d b.	1
Glasscock, 3d b.	0	Nelson, s. s.	1
Cummings, 1st b.	0	Cummings, 3d b.	0
Junkins, s. s.	0	Rocap, l. f.	0
Summers, c.	0	Hagan, p.	1
Manion, c. f.	2	Lane, c.	0
Robinson, c.	1	Wilkinson, 1st b.	0
Johnson, 1st b.	0	Gallagher, r. f.	0
Wilson

"ON THE ROAD."

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

"Oh, yes, it's nice to travel"
If you are so inclined;
But being always at it
Might make you change your mind.
You wish to find excitement?
I'll recommend a way—
Just join some "combination"
That does a "town a day."

Be hours upon the railroad,
Arriving after eight,
And play without your supper
Because the "train was late."
Then find a lot of "numbskulls"
Who give applause to none,
But roar at all the pathos
And weep at all the fun.

It rains—the roof is leaky,
And everybody's wet—
There's nothing but a "kitchen"
To form your "palace set;"
You find that your musicians
Know neither time nor tune,
And for the death of 'Richard'
Play "Up in a Balloon."

When all is over—supper—
What joy some beer would yield;
But every place is silent—
Hermetically sealed.
Then sleep, to rise at daylight,
And take another train,
When, at your destination,
You do it all again!

Of course, we have our pleasures,
And many of them, too—
A constant change of faces,
"Fresh fields and pastures new;"
First-class accommodations
Quite often do we find,
With honest approbation,
Both critical and kind.

But yet no "bed of roses"
You'd find the life we lead;
At times, its constant action
Is wearisome, indeed.
The actors who can locate
Escape a heavy load;
But many of us cannot,
So travel "on the road."

EDWARD E. KIDDER.

YACHTING IN DEEP BLUE WATERS.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY WILLIAM H. BUSHNELL.

"Skipper, where's the wind?" asked Joe Trumball, as he turned his eyes from the beautiful faces surrounding him to the man at the wheel.

"Up and down the mainmast," answered Lee Sterling with a laugh, as he glanced upward to the petite fly that was drooping motionless from the topmast.

"Then all hands whistle for a breeze," commanded Joe, mischievously watching the mobile lips of their female companions as they prepared to obey.

"Don't do it," blurted out the black cook, Goliah by name and stature. "Don't do it, please. Raise a debbil ob a storm shu'," and he dodged into the caboose just in time to escape the rope lasso Joe dexterously threw at him, commenting:

"Jack clings to the old-time superstitions—is just as certain that whistling will bring on a blow as Hudson was that his broom would sweep the seas, and 'ye ancient mariner' of the flying Dutchman and old salts of mermaids with sea-green hair and golden combs and syren songs."

"And they proved mere maids, after all," interrupted Belle Boynton.

"Minus the gold."

"Or combs of any kind, though sadly in need of them," laughed Kate Ramsey.

"But about the sea-green hair?" questioned Belle Boynton.

"Yi, at least, have never been sufficiently green to see it," responded Trumball.

"Perhaps, Joe, your eyes are fastened by locks of gold," put in Lee Sterling from the tiller, and causing a Damascus rose to blossom upon the soft cheeks of Belle Boyntom, and Joe Trumball to suddenly become very much interested in the examination of the top-hamper.

The Psyche was off for a cruise—"cleared for pleasure," "and blue-fish," as Joe premised and Goliah finished—had passed the Narrows, run the Highland lights hull down, and was waiting for a breeze to issue its "mixed call" at Long Branch before wetting the lines at the Fishing Banks. The crew, all told, numbered but half a dozen—Belle Boynton and Kate Ramsey, Joe Trumball and Lee Sterling, a ladies' maid and the cook—lovers all, for even Othello had a passion for the gentle Desdemona, otherwise Lizzie, and she "doted him for the dangers he had passed," and his great skill in the compounding of chowder and other sea-luxuries.

Time with them was no object, and yet they were all glad when a breeze sprang up and filled the snowy sails—when the heavy boom swung off, the creaking of blocks ceased and the ripples began to make music at the bow, and the taut yacht slid again through the water.

It was a rare pleasure to turn their backs upon the hot, crowded, dusty city for a few days, to watch "the blue above and the blue below," the foaming curl of the waves at the lee rails—the sense of not-to-be-broken quiet and companionship.

"Use your trick at the wheel, Joe," said Lee Sterling, lashing the tiller and coming forward to where the divinities of the Psyche were reclining gracefully upon the soft cushions under the awning.

"It's eight bells."

"I haven't seen or heard but two bells," answered Joe, rising with a sigh.

"Nebber war more sartin in all my life. Saw a great big skull a chasin' de mossbunkers and tossin' dem up and catchin' dem, all de same as if dey were playin' ball, shu."

Bright-eyed, jubilant and full of life, Belle sprang upon the weather-rail and steadied herself by the foremost stays, swinging with the swing of the sea; with her long hair that somehow had escaped from its fastenings—wonder if the arm of the impulsive and not-to-be denied Joe had anything to do with it!) blowing out a golden glory, her eyes brilliant as diamonds, and her rich color coming and going like dolphin hues.

"O Joe!" she exclaimed.

"What, Belle?"

"I can see the fish—thousands of them."

"The better for us. But have a care. You are not accustomed to such unstable footing."

"Oh, I'm all—merciful heaven!"

Even while she was smiling at his lover-like caution, the little craft had been put about—turned almost as suddenly as if swung upon a pivot. The rapid and unexpected movement caused the narrow rail to literally slide from beneath the feet of the girl, her delicate hands were torn loose from their hold upon the stays, and with a terrible shriek she dropped into the water, and the pale, ghastly face was turned up pleadingly for a moment as she was hurried past, her long hair soon gilding the fleecy caps of the billows far astern!

Joe Trumball stood as if turned into stone, so utterly paralyzed was he by the fearful accident. Kate Ramsey fainted dead away. The maid, Lizzie, lay upon the deck, drumming her heels in incipient hysterics. Lee Sterling and Goliah were the only cool ones on board, and the one flung over life-preservers—everything he could lay his hands on that would in the least tend to safety, while the other hauled to put the yacht about and run down in the direction of the fast-sinking girl.

"Lee! O my God! is there any hope?" gasped Joe.

"Yes, yes, keep up courage. Goliah, mind what you are doing, and me. Remember, it is something better than a swordfish we are intent on capturing, and mind my every motion."

He dashed forward to the iron support used in spearing the fish, and anxiously watched the sea ahead. Far in the distance he saw the poor girl clinging to a cork jacket he had thrown, and his heart leaped for joy. All of doubt was banished, and his nerves became steady. She was slightly to windward. The yacht could lie close, and he signaled to Goliah to luff. Before the affrighted souls on board could realize what was going on, he swung himself down, caught the half-drowned beauty, and, lifting her to the deck, carried her aft and gave her into the arms of her lover.

"Wouldn't mind takin' a duck my own self," said Goliah to Lizzie, as she was preparing a "hot sling" to carry below, "if dat am de kind ob medercin dey gibs. And, lor' lub your soul, how Massa Joe did kiss her—jess so!" and he got his ears soundly boxed for attempting to give a practical illustration of the manner.

Truly, like Venus from a bath, so rosy and fresh and beautiful, looked Belle an hour later, when she again appeared on deck, leaning on the arm of Kate, her rival in loveliness in at least one pair of eyes. And although their nerves were composed, yet both started when Goliah again called out "Bluefish!" But this time nothing happened to mar the sport; and when the Psyche dropped anchor in a harbor that evening, the "shack" of the latter was a wonder—few thinking of the greater "catch" each had made while yachting in deep blue waters.

When again the vessel puts off for a cruise, all on board will be married. Of that blissful state of affairs the opinion of Goliah, as given privately to a friend, will be pertinent:

"Yes, dis ole life-craft hab a mate now; but, jess as true as I lib and breathe, de mate am de captin!"

COULDN'T "PLAY IT" ON HIM.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY THE DOCTOR.

Old Mr. Smith might reside not far from Park avenue, and is blessed with a charming daughter, whose Christian name might be Violia, had she been baptized in accordance with the views of those story-writers who are forever speaking of maidens with "violet eyes." Her eyes are not "violet," however, but of such a "heaven's own blue" that Mr. Charles Brown, a young bank-clerk, has been in the habit of worshiping at their shrine for some time past. So long and devotedly has he worshiped, that Violia has often declined from the warm embrace of Morpheus until a very late hour at night, much to the anxiety of old Mr. Smith's mind respecting the early locking of his front door against night-robbers. Irrespective, therefore, of Violia's personal comforts, thoughts or feelings on this subject of late worshippings, old Mr. Smith has repeatedly gazed wistfully at his clock in the dining-room, and then in the direction of the front-door, to see if the striking of the old timepiece had made any impression on the movements of young Brown, but in vain. He has even gone so far as to call out in a loud tone of voice to remind Violia that she must not forget to securely lock the front door as usual after the voted visitor had taken his departure; but even this failed to have a curtailing influence upon young Brown's extended visits.

The parental heart of old Mr. Smith could no longer deem patience to be a virtue. He could not see how he could longer daub his fingers endangering by a want of nine or ten hours' sleep, when he knew that six or seven hours' restless repose was only increasing, rather than decreasing, that weary expression which diminished the bloom her cheeks ought to wear in the morning. Neither could he endure the idea of his front door being left at the mercy of a love-distracted brain to remember the necessity of locking it against burglars.

Something had to be done, and done quickly, too; therefore, old Mr. Smith tilted his thinking-cap for a brief period. Soon he remembered having read an article in the newspapers showing how a tedious lover was got rid of over in Jersey by the girl's father or mother sending in a tray full of food for him to eat, and old Mr. Smith resolved to try the experiment on young Brown, who had, no doubt, read the same article.

At half-past seven P. M. precisely, young Brown was on hand as usual, to commence his lengthy devotions at the glorious Violia, while the latter was alone to enjoy his solitude and nervous spell in the dining-room. Time kept up its steady march, regardless of either old Smith's stern resolution or young Brown's deep-seated affection. Eight o'clock sounded from the musical throat of the old timekeeper in the dining-room, where old Mr. Smith sat smoking his second cigar and reading his evening paper. Nine o'clock chimed hopefully, as old Mr. Smith lit another cigar and strolled out to the back yard, to see whether the back gate and other matters were secured for the night. Ten o'clock pealed forth encouragingly, as old Mr. Smith resettled himself in his easy-chair and began to go over his newspapers again, just to kill time for the accommodation of young Brown, until his hour of grace should arrive.

This last hour seemed the most dreary and lengthy one of all; for old Mr. Smith had nearly smoked his cigar sick, and had been compelled to read even the quack-doctors' advertisements to keep his eyes open. Ever and anon his ear would lean attentively in the direction of the front door and parlor, but no sound of departing footsteps broke the solemn silence to cheer his anxious heart. No sweet "Good-night, darling," would float upsound to remind him of *his* happy courting nights or days; no crack of a "paroxysmal kiss" would cleave the air to refresh his memory with those blissful moments of "all-absorbing love" which every Christian man is supposed to enjoy at some period of his life. Vaughn, the occasional, distant servant, was left to steal through the hinges of the parlor-door to most terribly remind him that there was still somebody, whom he wished at Fiddlers' Green, in that parlor with his lovely daughter.

The hour of grace at last tolled forth with joyous yet terrible force, and, true to his resolution, old Mr. Smith aroused the faithful Bridget from her drowsy reveries in the kitchen to prepare for action.

"Now, Bridget," said he in serious tone, "go you and prepare a sumptuous lunch for that young gentleman in the parlor, so that he may not think me stingy of entertaining my friends. Put up a large tray and take it in to him with my compliments. If *that* don't start him home, then nothing but my boot will, and I shall place no more faith in newspaper recipes."

Bridget faithfully executed her task and retired. Violia blushed and smiled alternately, but young Brown merely arose from the sofa, and, placing two chairs by the centre-table on which the large tray with its tempting contents reposed, politely addressed Violia, saying:

"Come, darling, you must certainly keep me in countenance."

Violia was about to excuse herself and blush again, but it was merely an attempt, for, before she could do either, young Brown struck the little parlor-bell with terrific force, to summon Bridget back, as he seated himself defiantly before the sumptuous repast.

Violia's face turned pale as Bridget reappeared with eyes flashing fire, which young Brown speedily quenched by blandly remarking:

"I am truly sorry for troubling you so much, Miss Bridget, but really I have been so in the habit of taking a cup of warm tea, when I have had such a delicious lunch as this appears to be, that I thought you would have no objection to providing me with my pet luxury. Won't you bring me a cup, please?"

Bridget was struck dumb by the cool impudence of young Brown, and could only retire in silence to start a fire and prepare the tea for him.

Violia scarcely knew what to do or think, but young Brown did; for, taking her by the hand, he drew her down to the seat beside him and commenced to pitch into the lunch, remarking as he did so:

"Ah! my dear Violia, your father is one of a thousand in kind considerateness; but I fear, if he breaks me into this mode of living before marriage, you will find it very troublesome, after we are united, to supply me with late suppers every night."

Violia hung her head slyly-like. Old Mr. Smith by this time had gathered himself and his resolution up to a booting-point; but, as he neared the parlor-door, these complimentary remarks of himself, uttered with such apparent sincerity by young Brown, touching his considerateness and kindness, so flattered his fatherly pride and soothed his anger that he paused to reconsider his firm and direful resolution.

Then, too, the idea of his breaking young Brown into the habit of having late suppers so reminded him of the oyster stews he used to indulge in with the girl he used to take to the theatre when *he* was a young man, that he could not find it in his heart to take another step towards dispelling young Brown's happy delusion with the toe of his boot.

The prospect, too, of his daughter being well fed after marriage, as young Brown had intimated in his speech to Violia respecting late suppers, so filled his soul with satisfaction that he actually turned from the parlor-door and retraced his steps, to not only order Bridget to hurry up with the tea, but also to bring an extra cup for himself. Then he smoothed his wrinkled brow down, pulled up his shirt-collar and entered the parlor with his fatherly face wreathed in approving smiles.

The young Brown received him with joyous yet reverential air, and old Mr. Smith actually joined his daughter and young Brown at the table, and had a happy time with them, until the solemn hour of one o'clock A. M. reminded him of a new-born day, to the delight and surprise of Violia, but the disgust of Bridget, who was waiting to clear away the things.

At this moment young Brown arose to depart, saying he regretted having to tear himself away so *early*; but as he had always made it a rule to obey the maxim of "Early to bed and early to rise," in order to be successful in life, he knew they would excuse him.

Violia smiled sweetly; old Mr. Smith shook him warmly by the hand, and might have retired to bed, even at that late hour, satisfied with young Brown's sincerity and his own happy conscience; but, unfortunately, young Brown was heard to say, as he kissed Violia "good-night, darling," and sprang to the sidewalk:

"Yes, my pet, the old man thought he would drive me from you by sending in that supper; but he couldn't play it on me. I aint a Jerseyman. I'd eat all the suppers he could pile on from June to January, or from January to June, before I'd renounce the sweet kisses of so lovely and delicious a morsel as you are."

This caused old Mr. Smith to sleep rather uneasily during the remainder of the night, but he never bothered with young Brown's late worshipings again; and, as Violia's wedding has since taken place, young Brown will enjoy no more late suppers, except at his own expense.

Old Mr. Smith couldn't "play it" on him, neither will he be able to "play it" on old Smith any more, and Violia is happy.

MAD MAG.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER, AND RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO MISS EMMA K——,
BY LEONARD WHEELER.

Ye ask me why I'm mad—again
Ye ask me why I weep,
And why I wander up and down
This rocky mountain steep.
I'll tell thee—ye may know the tale—
I'll tell thee once again:
I'm seeking for my little child
O'er mountain, field and plain;
Hark! now I hear its angel voice—
'Tis gone. My God! no, no!
'Twas not the sighing, pitying winds
That murmur as they blow.

I was not always Crazy Mag,
The mad witch of the glen;
I did not always haunt the hills,
And roam through lowland fen;
My hair is silver—then 'twas gold—
My skin was white as snow,
My eyes were as the violets blue
That in the meadows blow;
My ripe lips red as rosy dawn
When Autumn sunlight smiled;
And *he*—it drives me crazy, mad,
To think of *him*—my child.

My child, my child! O God, my child!
I think I see him now—
The streaming, curling, golden hair
That crowned his snowy brow;
His face as pure as ocean pearl
Tinged with the ruby's glow;
His bright eye sparkled like the wavelets
Dancing to and fro.
I press him fondly to my breast—
My God! he's gone, he's gone!
I seek him over hill and dale,
From eventide till morn.

I'm mad, I'm mad, I *know* I'm mad—
Enough to *drive* one wild,
Stark, raving mad, howling, crazy mad—
It is to lose one's child.
Ah! now I see him—no! it's gone.
Come back, come back! once more.
I laugh! ha, ha!—hark! there again—
No! 'tis the torrent's roar—
Away, away, away! begone!
Ye idle illusion, wild;
Ye mock me, echoes! Shame! begone!
Ha! ha! where is my child!

I rave—ah! yes! I rave—but still
I did not always rave;
I'm Crazy Mag, and will be till
I sleep within the grave.
The grave! ho! ho! Sleep in the grave—
Will Mad Mag *ever* sleep!
No! But until I've found my child
I'll roam this mountain-steep!
Ye start and tremble—do not fear—
Poor Mag will do no harm,
Although when roused she has the strength
Of many in that arm.

Listen! I'll tell it o'er again—
Let poor Mag tell her tale,
And curse the man that spurned a wife
And scorned a mother's wail.
The night was dark as night could be,
The storm did rage and roar,
A mother went all peacefully
With her sweet babe to rest;
But, soon as sleep had settled o'er,
The mother, screaming wild,
Rose from her couch and madly screeched:
"O God! where is my child?"

My child! my child! great God, my child!
I cannot tell the tale.
Away, away! I'm wild! I'm wild!
Hark! Is that but the gale?
No, no! Ah! yes, my poor, poor brain,
What fancies you do form!
What's that? Ah! yes, 'tis but the thunder
Of the distant storm.
See, yonder flashing lightning gleams—
How the waters foam!
They mock and jeer me in my dreams,
And murmur, ah! no more!

Good-bye, good-bye! Farewell! I go.
See how yon clouds arise;
The hissing streamlet answers still,
The mocking echo cries:
Ha, ha! ha, ha! Good-bye, good-bye!
Farewell, Mad Mag! Farewell!
Ha, ha! ho, ho! Good-bye, I cry,
Ye demons of the dell!
The storm-cloud down the mountain sweeps,
The lightning flashes wild;
Ho, ho! ha, ha! again I cry—
My child! my child! my child!

Ha, ha! ye wild fiends of the storm,
Welcome! ha, ha! ho, ho!
Flash on! ye blasting lightning gleams,
Blow on! ye wild winds, blow!
Rush on within your hollow bed,
Dark stream! rush on and roar!
The rolling thunder answers me—
Still groans; ye black floods, pour!
Howl on, ye winds! pour on, ye floods!
Roll on, ye thunders wild!
Mad Mag cry: "Farewell! Good-bye!
My child! my child! my child!"

"THE LADDER OF FAME."

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY BART. SMITH.

To a person not familiar with the "true inwardness" of the facts, the number of stage-struck individuals in and about Cincinnati would be astounding. In almost every walk in life, from the lawyer down to the bootblack, and from the fast-ageing spinster to the schoolgirl but just in her teens, are the candidates for histrionic honors to be found.

A few years ago one of our local actors, wishing to realize a few dollars independent of his profession, and his hours hanging heavily on his hands—not being overpressed with study—rented two rooms on a leading thoroughfare of the city, and the next day a glaring sign, with the cabalistic letters "Ladder of Fame," greeted the eyes of all passers-by. Ere twenty-four hours had passed it became the resort of several of his professional companions, fellows ripe for devilment, and always eager for anything in which there was the slightest glimpse of fun.

Airily worded advertisements soon brought numbers of applicants, all true worshipers of Roscius, and eager to be classed among his disciples. Of the many we will give experience of a few of those who served as a banquet of fun for the few gods who were "behind the scenes." First comes the

WOULD-BE MANAGER,

who called in response to an advertisement for "a man with some means as partner in a dramatic enterprise, sure of success." It was during the late crusade by the women of Ohio against "liquid forbidden," and the engaged actor confidently saw the embryo manager that the great temperance drama of "The Bottle" would just simply "hog" the natives, and the few shekels said manager would cast upon the dramatic waters would be returned a hundred-fold. He became a manager.

Now came the selection of the company. Advertisements soon brought actors and actresses ("stage experience unnecessary," as the ad. read) in great numbers. The necessary number being selected, mainly on their appearance and the quality of the modern wardrobe displayed on their persons —for as yet no chance had been given them to display the talent of which all so vociferously and repeatedly maintained they were the fortunate possessors—parts were given to each, and a rehearsal called for two days afterwards.

The day of trial came round at last on the slow wheels of time (slow to the aspirants, at least). We entered at about the hour named for rumble to begin, and there, pacing up and down the room, were the "actors," all of whom were mumbling their parts—beating their breasts, heads, etc., with their hands—"studying." It was something like a young pandemonium. There stood the manager, gazing awe-stricken at the "studyists," extremely wonder showing from every line of his managerial phiz. He was brought into another room, and there by a judicious use of "talk" was soothed a little, and his first glimpse of "behind the scenes" fully explained.

Rehearsal began, and our patience was severely tried in teaching many of our Thespians which was their right and which their left hand. Thirteen aspirants entered the field, but our stage-manager rudely bounced over half of them before the end of the first act. Cause—fouly murdering the English language. Rehearsal given up in despair.

The manager who had deposited twenty dollars on printing the day before, began to think that "The Bottle" was too much for the actors to tackle, but a trip down-stairs soon convinced him that he was slightly in error as his expenditures proved.

After several failures, they at last succeeded in "faking" the company composed of professionals and amateurs, and with buoyant heart and heavy purse the manager started on his career. The old-timers, at the last moment before departure, demanded an advance, and, in case of a refusal to accede to their demand, threatened to "shake" the party. Our manager, having already invested in railroad tickets, printing, etc., gave up to them like a little man, and all was fair sailing again with "The Bottle."

They arrived at their destination, where they had been billed several days—' billed like a circus," as our volatile stager remarked — and showed to — nothing almost. The crusaders could not attend a theatre when so many could be found by their presence at church, and the "snap" having been gotten up in hopes of their united support, bare emptiness stared the manager in the face as he gazed from the peep-hole in the curtain.

While the performance was going on, the manager tried to skip by an early train, but the performers, getting wind of his little game, forsook "The Bottle," and rushed pell-mell in search of him. He was overtaken, and all his money extorted from him (not without force). It was found to amount to just the price of the fare home for the members of the company, barring the manager, and he was left penniless about forty miles from home. The snap was over. As the homeward-bound train was just about leaving, tickets were purchased, and as the cars swept proudly by the penniless manager all doffed their hats to him, and wished him a pleasant journey home. He had a pleasant one. He wished about half of the crew was assisted by a friend to fly freight the other half, and arrived in Cincinnati, his confidence sadly shaken in "sure things." He dropped too hard from the first round of "The Ladder of Fame."

We have given a sample of the genus manager. Now for a few of the ladies and gentlemen of talent who only wanted half a show, as start, and, ye gods! how they would astonish the world! First on the list will be the young man who wanted to learn

ROPE-WALKING.

He was a seedy-looking, overgrown young man, and, as his appearance did not betoken the presence of many ducats, our proprietor determined to get rid of Didoro by giving him an interview as aspiring young candidate. A rope was purchased with the first instalment advanced for "learning him tight-rope." The rope, after much labor, was placed across the room from wall to wall, at about the height of two feet from the floor. The pupil was furnished with two broomsticks with which to steady himself in fun either side, and to secure his equilibrium; but in vain—the rope would slip, and the sticks fall in their support. After innumerable falls during three hours of practice (to the infinite amusement of the assembled spectators—the gang), the worthy young man was allowed to rest for that day at least. While he was donning his garments preparatory to his departure, the tutor drew the gang to one side, and proposed an initiation of the poor guy into their "Mystic Krew," an organization which had but that instant sprung up in the fertile mind of our proprietor. "Nuff ced." He was beckoned towards the "Krew," and then was informed in blood-curdling tones (delivered by the "heavy") that, "inasmuch as he had penetrated into the heart of their sanctum sanctorum, he must take the oath of allegiance to the Mystic Krew, or die instanter."

Young Blondin, his face bespeaking the terror gnawing at his heart, in pitcous tones gave his assent. An oath, composed of a portion of Hamlet's soliloquy and a part of his scene with Ophelia, winding up with "Get thee to a nunnery. Go—go!" was delivered in most guttural, melodramatic tone (by the "heavy"), and the new member of the "Mystic Krew" was lifted to his feet. Several signs and passwords were then imparted to him—signs the most awkward that could be conceived by heads full of devilment—and he was told that if he failed to respond to the hail of a brother, no matter where he was at the time, death in its most horrible shape awaited him.

To this day the poor guy will go through every sign imparted to him on that occasion, even stopping in the street to reply to a hail. He never came back for a second lesson in tightrope-walking.

THE BALLET.

One of the fakirs, who was a hanger-on in Venice, procured a gray wig and a pair of green goggles, and we were ready for the ballet which had been advertised for. Seven applicants appeared, and the gray wig and goggles was introduced as Signor Lookeroni, the great Italian maitre de ballet. Goggles entered into the sport with greater vim than we had supposed he would, and, of all the ballets we ever gazed upon, that was the most ludicrous and laughable.

We will give one of the "positions" Goggles strove to attain. Goggles is a small man, but imagines himself possessed of the strength of a Samson. He had the ballet each to make herself a long strap to attach to her waistband. All did so, and placed themselves as directed by Goggles. When all was ready, he would gather the straps in both hands, and the ballet were to lean forward, one limb slightly elevated, and hands clasped *a la* angel. All went well until the poise, and then at a signal all were to come into the angelic position by casting their bodies forward. The signal was given. But what means this struggling mass of ballet and Goggles? That angelic surge forward was too much for our Samson, and there he lay, shorn of his locks and his strength as was the Samson of old—for his strength had departed with his wig, which now lay on the floor, displaying his red locks to the eyes of the indignant ballet. Sweet-looking females then began to give poor Goggles a piece of their mind and their stormed! One tongue at the same time. Ye gods! how they of the gang swears he saw the ceiling a foot or two during the loudest of the storm. Goggles at last made his escape home, and seeing that they could not rescue Goggles from the infuriated ballet, beat a hasty retreat, and in a neighboring saloon waited the appearance of the ballet-master. He came at last, and excused the serried appearance of his face by saying that he ran against the wall in his haste to leave the pupils. But we thought they looked too much like points of finger-nails and such. Two or three beers made him enjoy the affair as heartily as did any of us, and for hours a stranger would have thought he had dropped in on a pack of escaped lunatics, so heartily did we laugh, just one glance at Goggles being enough to set them in a roar." The ballet never applied for any more lessons in the art terpsichorean.

Next comes the young man who wanted to learn

STAGE FALLS AND TRAP EXITS.

Here was a perplexing predicament. We were all right so far the falls were concerned, but a trap—how could we poke that up? However, our proprietor was not disconcerted, but hoped that, while he was instructing his pupil in the falls, a trap would come to his fertile brain. Then commenced a series of the hardest falls, drops, etc., man ever sustained and survived. The preceptor had tied the arms of his pupil at his side, and then made him fall sidewards, backwards, forwards, and sideways and again, assisting him to his feet after an unusually hard fall. Ten minutes of this dangerous work satisfied the acrobatic young Thespian.

"Now for the traps," said the preceptor.

"But I'm played out now. I don't want to be an actor, anyhow," whined the pupil.

"And do you think I'd be so base as to accept your dollar and not do all I had promised? No, sir!"

"But ——"

"Silence! You came here to learn traps as well as falls. I have taught you the falls, and now I must teach you the traps. (*Aside.*) How the devil am I to do it? Ah! I have it."

The entrance to the room was by a two-foot step from the landing. The young actor was blindfolded, and then led to the door, and told to jump forward if he did not want to be let down the trap.

"How high is it?" in a doleful wail.

"Only about fifteen feet. When I say three, you jump, or down the trap you go. Are you ready? One ——"

He jumped, and the concussion jarred him fearfully, but he was relieved intensely when he found that he had jumped only two feet, instead of fifteen. He tore down-stairs as if pursued by fiends, as we broke into a roar of laughter that made the shingles on the roof dance in unison. He never came back.

This is but a sample of the many incidents that occurred in "The Ladder of Fame," and on some future occasion we may give another batch of the way in which the Mystic Krew enjoyed the trials and tribulations of applicants for an ascension.

BURNING OF THE RICHMOND, VA., THEATRE, DEC. 26, 1811.

COMPILED EXPRESSLY FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

Having recently come into the possession of a copy of the bill of performances announced for the night on which the Richmond Theatre was destroyed by fire, and which, we believe, we now present to the public for the first time—as in the perusal of all of the accounts of the conflagration which have come under our notice we have been unable to even learn the names of the actors—it may not be inappropriate at this time to publish a full account of that dire calamity. For this purpose we shall collate from our own files, in which partial descriptions of the event were published years ago from newspapers of the period and private records. The Richmond Theatre is now the site of what is now known as Broad street, and only five blocks distant from the present edifice bearing the same name, and is now occupied by the Monumental Church; and directly in front of it stands the monument which marks the spot wherein were buried the remains of those who perished in the conflagration. It was a cosy little theatre, with a seating capacity of about 500. The structure was not pretentious, but, like most of the places of amusement of that time, was built with a view to solidity, though the auditorium was constructed exclusively of pine wood, so much used in the early kinds of edifices at that period, particularly in that section of the country. The boxes, galleries, supporting columns, etc., were of that material, and the roof was covered with shingles. The auditorium consisted of a pit and lower and upper boxes, which would in these days be classified as parquet and first and second tiers. The ceiling of both pit and boxes were with painted canvas, helping in a great measure to make the interior of the building very combustible. The stage was small, and was furnished with thirty-four drop-scenes, all painted on ordinary canvas save one, which was entirely of paper. The canvas scenes were not extremely combustible on the painted sides, but the fibre of the hemp on the reverse sides rendered them dangerous. The mode of exit was insufficient, there being but a single passage-way for pit and boxes, and one for the gallery, and only through these could the audience reach the street. Therefore the house was scarcely be emptied in less than half an hour. William W. Clapp Jr., in his "Record of the Boston Stage," says that "George Frederick Cooke was, in a measure, the cause of this sad catastrophe. The theatre would have closed several weeks previously, but Mr. Cooke was engaged to appear there, and it was kept open. The eccentric tragedian, although a carriage was in waiting in New York to convey him thither, took a fancy that he would visit Boston instead, and thus disappointed the management." Finding that Mr. Cooke did not intend fulfilling his engagement, the last performances of the season were announced, as will be seen by the appended copy of the programme, which is given in full, and Mr. Placide's benefit took place on the fatal night, Thursday Dec. 26, 1811.

LAST WEEK OF PERFORMANCE THIS SEASON.
MR. PLACIDE'S BENEFIT
will certainly take place on
THURSDAY NEXT,
when will be presented an entire new play, translated from the French of Didoro by a gentleman of this city, called
THE FATHER, OR FAMILY FEUDS.

Mons. Dorbeson	Mr. Green	Police-officer	Mr. Uti
St. Albin	Mr. Young	Duchemp	Mr. Hanna
Commodore	Mr. Twaits	Cecilia	Mrs. Placide
Germuil	Mr. Anderson	Sophia	Mrs. Young
Le Bon	Mr. Burke	Clara	Miss Thomas
Philip	Mr. Rose	Mrs. Herbert	Mrs. Uti
La Brie	Mr. Durang		

At the end of the play
A Comic Song.....by.....Mr. West
A Dance.....by.....Miss E. Placide
Song.....by.....Miss Thomas
A Horsipipe.....by.....Miss Placide

To which will be added (for the first time here) the favorite new pantomime of
RAYMOND AND AGNES, OR THE BLEEDING NUN.

Raymond	Mr. Robertson	Don Felix	Mr. Clark
Theodore	Mr. Placide	Countess of Linderburg	
Jaques	Mr. Anderson		Mrs. Clark
Old Servant	Mr. West	Margaretta	Mrs. Placide
Baptist	Mr. Placide	Spectre of the Bleeding Nun	Mrs. Green
Robert	Mr. Twaits	Marvianda	Miss Thomas
Claude	Mr. Burke	Agnes	Mrs. Young
Count of Lindenburg	Mr. Caulfield		

They arrived at their destination, where they had been billed several days—' billed like a circus," as our volatile stager remarked — and showed to — nothing almost. The crusaders could not attend a theatre when so many could be found by their presence at church, and the "snap" having been gotten up in hopes of their united support, bare emptiness stared the manager in the face as he gazed from the peep-hole in the curtain.

While the performance was going on, the manager tried to skip by an early train, but the performers, getting wind of his little game, forsook "The Bottle," and rushed pell-mell in search of him. He was overtaken, and all his money extorted from him (not without force). It was found to amount to just the price of the fare home for the members of the company, barring the manager, and he was left penniless about forty miles from home. The snap was over. As the homeward-bound train was just about leaving, tickets were purchased, and as the cars swept proudly by the penniless manager all doffed their hats to him, and wished him a pleasant journey home. He had a pleasant one. He wished about half of the crew was assisted by a friend to fly freight the other half, and arrived in Cincinnati, his confidence sadly shaken in "sure things." He dropped too hard from the first round of "The Ladder of Fame."

We have given a sample of the genus manager. Now for a few of the ladies and gentlemen of talent who only wanted half a show, as start, and, ye gods! how they would astonish the world! First on the list will be the young man who wanted to learn

ROPE-WALKING.

He was a seedy-looking, overgrown young man, and, as his appearance did not betoken the presence of many ducats, our proprietor determined to get rid of Didoro by giving him an interview as aspiring young candidate. A rope was purchased with the first instalment advanced for "learning him tight-rope." The rope, after much labor, was placed across the room from wall to wall, at about the height of two feet from the floor. The pupil was furnished with two broomsticks with which to steady himself in fun either side, and to secure his equilibrium; but in vain—the rope would slip, and the sticks fall in their support. After innumerable

A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SCENES IN THE PANTOMIME.

Raymond, discovered at his studies, is interrupted by the entrance of Don Felix, his father, who informs him it is his wish he should go upon his travels. Theodore, his favourite domestic, entreats to accompany him.

SCENE.—An Hotel and Convent; procession of Nuns and Friars—Chorus, departure from the Convent of Agnes, the daughter of Count Lindenburg. Raymond and Theodore enter, order refreshments from the Host, and, ignorant of their journey, under the guidance of Claude, one of a Banditti infesting the neighbouring Forest.

SCENE.—A Forest at Midnight, with a distant Hovel. Enter Baptist, one of the Banditti, disguised as a woodman. The Carriage, with Raymond and Theodore, is seen to break down. Claude, pointing to the Hovel, informs them they may there find shelter for the night.

SCENE.—The Inside of the Hovel, Margaretta and her child discovered. Raymond and Theodore are introduced by Baptist. Theodore is shown into the room by Margaretta. Robert and Jaques, sons to Baptist, enter, armed, making a servile obedience to Raymond, who is conducted to his chamber by Robert.

SCENE.—The Room prepared for Raymond: Margaretta, wishing to preserve the life of Raymond from the assassins, conveys a pillow stained with blood upon his bed, thereby to inform him of his danger; she overhears Raymond retires to rest, but is prevented by finding the bloody pillow, and, struck with horror, falls into a swoon. Robert enters, attempts to murder him, is prevented by Margaretta, and Raymond, alarmed, hastily retires.

SCENE.—The Lower Apartments of the Hovel. Robert informs his father and brother of the ineffectual attempt on the life of Raymond, who is brought in by Margaretta. A knocking is heard without. Agnes, who is also benighted in the Forest, is led in by Claude, attended by servants. Supper is prepared. Opiates are mixed with the wine. Agnes drinks, and falls into a deep slumber. Margaretta begs Raymond not to drink, but to put on the semblance of sleep. Baptist sends Robert and Jacob to secure the servants, who have retired, and, supposing Raymond at rest, prepares to murder him. Raymond seizes him, and Baptist falls by the hand of Margaretta, who points out a secret avenue, through which she, taking her child, Raymond, Theodore and Agnes escape.

SCENE.—Inside of Lindenburg Castle. The mother of Agnes, the late Countess, portrayed in the habit of a Nun. The Count enters. Viewing the picture with agitation, kneels to implore forgiveness for the murder. Agnes, brought in by Raymond, is introduced to the present Countess; she becomes enamoured of him, and offers him her picture, which he rejects with scorn.

SCENE.—The chamber of Agnes. Portrait of a Nun with a wound on her breast, lamp, dagger and rosary on her arm. Agnes, enamoured of Raymond, is discovered drawing his portrait. Raymond, entering unperceived, throws himself at her feet, and obtains the promise of her hand. He requests an explanation of the bleeding Nun. She informs him 'tis the resemblance of a spectre which haunts the castle every fifth year. The Count and Countess approach, and in anger order Raymond to quit the castle.

SCENE.—Outside of the castle. Raymond, about to depart, is diverted by the sound of a mandoline. A paper is lowered by Agnes from the castle containing a drawing of the Nun, with the following scroll: "When the castle bell tolls one, expect me, like this bleeding Nun."

SCENE.—Outside of the castle, as before. Raymond enters—the clock strikes one. The gates fly open, the apparition of the Nun comes from the castle. Raymond, supposing it Agnes, follows in ecstacy. Theodore, approaching, is met by Agnes, in the habit of the Nun. Agitated by the apparent neglect of Raymond, they retire.

SCENE.—A Dreary Wood. Raymond, following the Spectre, still supposing it Agnes, attempts to embrace it, when, suddenly vanishing, a cloud arises from the earth, bearing the following inscription: "Protect the child of the murdered Agnes."

SCENE.—The Mountains. Robert, Jaques and Claude, the Robbers, discovered at the grave of Baptist. Theodore and Agnes enter, Agnes is seized and borne into the cavern.

SCENE.—Theodore and Margaretta meet Raymond, and inform him of Agnes being seized by the Robbers. They hasten to her relief.

SCENE.—Inside of a cavern. The three Robbers cast lots for Agnes. She becombes the prize of Robert. He attempts to seize her. She aims a stiletto at her breast. At this instant Raymond, Theodore and Margaretta rush in. Robert and Jaques fall by the sword of Raymond, and Claude by pistol from the hand of Margaretta.

SCENE.

CLIPPER VARIETIES.

Comprising Ballads, Songs and Dances, Comic Songs, Old Bills, etc.

WRITTEN AND COLLATED EXPRESSLY FOR THE CLIPPER.

WHY A LAWYER IS LIKE A CARPENTER.

TAMBO.—Say, Bones, I heard dat you was down to Clem Johnsing's to dinner de oder day.

BONES.—So I was; what of it?

TAMBO.—Nuffin in particular; I was only goin' to ax you how you liked de spread.

BONES.—Spread! Why, dere want nuffin on de table but one big *Angle worm sel* beat. What do you think I said when I seed it?

TAMBO.—Dat's a conundrum.

BONES.—Well, I looked at it a moment, and den I sez to Clem, "What a beat!"

TAMBO.—What did you do den?

BONES.—Do! Why, I chawed it up. "That beats all," said Clem, and den I left.

TAMBO.—Didn't hear what Clem said, did yon?

BONES.—No; what was it?

TAMBO (*Goes over and tops Bones on the head*).—Well, he ses: "Thank heaven that *beat's* gone."

BONES.—Go 'long.

INTERLOCUTOR.—Take it easy, Bones; he's only kidding you. But what have you been doing lately?

BONES.—Nufin in particular; I did think I'd go on ter de Centennial, but I changed my mind. By the way, kin yer tell me when a lawyer am like a carpenter?

INT.—No; I pass.

BONES.—Well, a lawyer am like a carpenter when he *files* a bill, *shaves* a note, *cuts* an acquaintance, *splits* a hair, makes an *entry*, gets up a *case*, *frames* an indictment, *impannels* a jury, *nails* a witness, *hammers* the Judge, and *screws* his coun'l all day.

TAMBO.—Don't claim that as original, does yer?

BONES.—Certainly, I does. I took it right out of a newspaper, and they always are original.

INT.—That will do for you. Signor Timberlungs will please oblige with

Sorrow.

BY LIEUT. E. H. KELLOGG.

The blushing rosebud rears a thorn,
And is protected by the dart;
The child deformed, to sorrow born,
Holds strongest sway o'er mother's heart.
Oh, what a mad intensity
Flows upward from the cooing dove!
But is there not immensity
In the expression of her love?
Chorus.—Thus sorrow falls with chast'ning blight,
As sinks the snow upon the fields,
But, like the frozen dews of night,
At dawn a richer glory yields.

The crusted crystals of the snow
Gleam cold beneath old Winter's gaze,
But mother earth, who sleeps below,
Enjoys its warmth those bitter days,
And when glad birds, with sweet refrain,
In Spring their strains of joy express,
The sprouting germs of emerald rain,
Lift up their thanks for that white dress.
Chorus.—Thus sorrow falls, etc.

J. S. BERRY'S VARIETY SHOW In this City in 1866.

Lew Woodward, now manager of the London Comique Company, which will start again on a tour the coming season, sends us a programme of the above-named show, a copy whereof is annexed. Attention is directed to the length of the bill, considering that the company included only eight persons. J. S. Berry is still in management in this city; Lizzie Davis died in this city in 1866; Sam Johnson is now of Johnson & Powers, song-and-dance men, engaged with the San Francisco Minstrels in this city; Miss Ida Rush is still before the public; Lew Woodward is the contributor of the bill; young Conway is now an Irish comedian, and known as Jimmy Neary; Miss Hannah Birch is performing at the Theatre Comique, this city; F. S. Myers, we believe, is running a variety show in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

REOPENING OF
J. S. BERRY'S ACADEMY OF FUN,
526 Broadway, corner of Spring street.
SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1866,
ENTIRE NEW PROGRAMME.

First night of
LAY LOW IN THE HIGH GRASS.

First night of
SCENES AT FREDERICKS' PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

First night of
HOW TO BECOME AN ODDFELLOW.
PROGRAMME FOR THIS EVENING.
FEMALE MINSTRELS.

Overture.....Orchestra
Opening Chorus.....
I'd Choose to be a Daisy.....Miss Lizzie Davis
I wish I never had seen her.....Sam Johnson
.....Miss Ida Rush
Comic Ditty.....Lew Woodward
Concluding Part First with a Trip on the Pan-handle Route.
Negro Extravaganza.....Young Conway
Fancy Dance.....Miss Ida Rush
Beautiful Ballad.....Miss Lizzie Davis
Song-and-dance.....Lew Woodward
Dance.....Miss Hannah Birch
LAY LOW IN THE HIGH GRASS.
Johnson, Woodward and Neary.
J. S. BERRY IN HIS BUDGET OF ORIGINALITIES.
Grand Fancy Dance.....Miss Ida Rush
Sam Johnson.....as:.....Nicodemus Johnson
Ballad.....Miss Lizzie Davis
Negroisms.....Young Neary
HOW TO BECOME AN ODDFELLOW!
Miss Rush, Berry, Johnson and Woodward.
Fancy Dance.....Miss Hannah Birch
SCENES IN FREDERICKS' PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.
Woodward, Johnson and Neary.

The whole to conclude with the comical farce entitled
MANAGER IN DISTRESS.
Manager.....F. S. Myers|Singing Chamber.
Stage-manager...J. S. Berry|maid.....Miss L. Davis
Negro Comedian.....Comedienne...Miss I. Rush
dian.....L. Woodward|Heavy Man....Sam Johnson
Lady Danseuse.Miss H. Birch|Ham Fatter.....Young Neary

Look out for the comical farce.

$1,000.—AN IRISHMAN'S LUCK.

MISS ZOE CARLETON, the fascinating songstress, will appear on Monday night next.

Admission—Gallery, 15c.; parquet, 20c.; orchestra chairs, 25c.

MOUSTACHE PROPAGATION.

One pleasant Summer's morning,
In the sunny month of June,
Commenced my manly shaving,
Three years, at least, too soon.

Most faithfully was scraped my face
At morning, noon and night;
When lo! upon that tortured place
A *hair* appeared in sight.

My mind was full of ecstacy, that
My hopes were bright at last;
But not another sprout appeared
Till six long months had passed.

Then stunted forth just one more hair,
One *here* had a mate;
And how they struggled, this lone pair,
'Tis sad to contemplate.

Both tried most ardently each year
Distinction to possess;
But, sad to common sorrow near,
They died from loneliness.

Now many years have passed away;
My face, still scarred and thin,
Can no proud whiskers e'en display
Or line lip or chin.

Most faithfully was tilled the soil
As long as patience lasted;
Perhaps the growth by this was spoiled,
And thus the crop was blasted.

If I until the proper time
My shaving had delayed,
Upon my face to-day you'd find
A handsome growth displayed.

EDWARD A. WESLYN.

THE INAUGURAL BILL OF the Old City Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Of those in the cast, John E. McDonough is now en route East from San Francisco, Cal., where he received from Adelaide Phillipps, in which he had been exhibiting a troupe of marionettes; B. G. Rogers was last season acting in Buffalo, N. Y.; J. E. Nagle, although cast for Orlando, did not act it, the character having been impersonated by H. A. Langdon—both of these gentlemen are still before the public; Alex. McBride retired from the stage at the breaking-out of the late Civil War, and was soon after elected an alderman in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., which office he held until his death there some years ago; H. Eyner is still before the public; J. Worrell retired some years ago, and is practicing law in Philadelphia; Mr. Burgess and Mr. Wier are dead; W. H. Whalley died in this city April 7, 1876; Sam Knight died some years ago; Mrs. H. Ryner is still before the public; Miss E. Wood is now Mrs. T. J. Worrell and living in retirement; Mrs. E. N. Thayer died in Atlantic City, N. J., July 22, 1873; Mrs. Langdon, nee Miss Emily R. Reed, died in Philadelphia April 18, 1857; Miss Louisa Pray is now Mrs. George F. Browne, and is living in retirement in this city; Mrs. F. N. Drew, we believe, is still living in retirement; James S. Rees, the author of the opening address, is still living in Philadelphia, and is a well-known contributor to the press, under the nom de plume of "Colley Cibber." Bill contributed by Owen Fawcett.

CITY MUSEUM.
Callowhill street, below Fifth.
Ashton & Company.....Proprietors
John Robinson.....Acting and General Manager
Dr. Montroville Dickeson...Professor of Natural Sciences
Dr. Wm. T. W. Dickeson.....Curator
John E. McDonough.....Stage-manager

This elegant temple of science and pleasure, prepared with lavish expense and unlimited cost and care, and dedicated to the Philadelphia public, will be opened for admission and patronage

ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1854,

THE MUSEUM DEPARTMENT is fitted up on the most extensive plan, and great care has been taken to render it both interesting and instructive. The cabinets are all well selected and catalogued, and offer to the visitor

SPECIMENS OF ANCIENT AND MODERN MANUFACTURE from all parts of the known world.

THE NATURAL HISTORY CASES occupy a large portion of this department, and include most of the rare specimens in

ZOOLOGY, ORNITHOLOGY, ICHTHYOLOGY, HERPETOLOGY, CONCHOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY,
BOTANY AND MINERALOGY,
scientifically prepared and arranged.

AN ENTIRE CABINET

the most complete in this country, including all their implements of war and articles of manufacture, from the aborigines to the tribes of the present day, collected by M. W. DICKESON during his twelve years' investigation among the Indians. Together with a fine collection of

PAINTINGS, STATUARY AND MODELS,

from the most celebrated artists of Europe and America.

THE MAIN LECTURE-ROOM,

over the Museum Department, has been fitted up in a costly and comfortable manner, combining at once ease, safety and pleasure.

The company engaged for the representation of dramatic pieces are of such position, professionally and morally, as to widen each and every circle in which they more or may be cast. The pieces represented shall be of such a nature that, while the moments are passed in gayety and amusement, a wholesome and correct moral and intellectual lesson will be powerfully impressed on all.

Read the names and judge:

MR. J. McDONOUGH, MR. MAY,
MR. B. G. ROGERS, MR. BRADFORD,
MR. J. E. NAGLE, MR. JONES,
MR. H. A. LONGDON, MR. T. BANTRAM,
MR. T. G. WORRELL, MRS. RYNER,
MR. McBRIDE, MRS. F. N. DREW,
MR. BURGESS, MRS. ALEX. FOSTER,
MR. S. H. HEMPLE, MISS E. WOOD,
MR. T. KNIGHT, MRS. H. A. LANGDON,
MR. HOOD, MISS BAKER,
MR. RYNER, MISS FIELDING,
MR. MARSHALL, MRS. FORRESTER,
MR. WHALLEY, MISS LEWIS,
MR. WIER, MISS NORTON,
MISS LOUISA PRAY, principal danseuse.
J. E. McDONOUGH.....Stage-manager

A new and beautiful DROP-CURTAIN has been painted by Peter Grain, Esq.

THE SCENERY ALL NEW,
and painted by Messrs. G. Grain, Smith, etc.

THE ORCHESTRA, under the direction of Prof. Scherer, is full and efficient.

Prompter.....Mr. Naylor|Properties...Charles Yeager
Machinist.....Mr. Murphy

No effort will be spared by the management to render the Museum worthy the highest position in the estimation of the public of this great city. A constant

SUCCESSION OF NOVELTY

will be offered for public approval, and every exertion used to insure the liberal patronage for which the city is proverbial, and rendering the Museum a place

"Where limb-worn labor and brain-wearied care—
Love's bleeding heart—pale poverty—despair,
All sorrows, passions, feelings and estates
May see the pictures of all human fates;
Drink in the morals of the sad and bright,
And bless the moments in their magic flight."

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 11, 1854,

the performances will commence with a

GRAND OVERTURE BY THE ORCHESTRA.

After which

AN OPENING ADDRESS,

written for the occasion by J. B. REES, Esq., will be spoken by MR. McDONOUGH.

To be followed by Shakespeare's brilliant comedy, in five acts, entitled

AS YOU LIKE IT.

Jaques.....J. E. McDonough	Le Beau.....Mr. Wier
Touchstone.....B. G. Rogers	Silvius.....Mr. Hood
Orlando.....J. E. Nagle	Corin.....Mr. Whalley
The Duke.....Mr. McBride	William.....Mr. Hemple
Duke Frederick the Usurper.....Mr. Ryner	Amiens.....Mr. Knight
Adam.....T. J. Worrell	Rosalind.....Mrs. Ryner
Oliver.....Mr. Burgess	Celia.....Miss E. Wood
Le Beau.....T. Bertram	Audrey.....Mrs. Thayer
Charles.....Mr. May	Phebe.....Mrs. Langdon

A FAVORITE DANCE.....MISS LOUISA PRAY

To conclude with the favorite farce of

SKETCHES IN INDIA.

Sir Matthew Scraggs.....[Dick Milton.....Mr. Knight
.....Mr. Worrell	Drawkins.....Mr. Wier
Tom Tape.....Mr. Rogers	Sally Scraggs.Mrs. F. N. Drew
Glorious.....Mr. Hemple	Lady Scraggs...Mrs. Thayer
Col. Dorrington...Mr. Hood	Poplin.....Mrs. Langdon

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, AN ELEGANT COMEDY.

Prices of Admission.—Private box stalls, 50c.; orchestra seats, 50c.; secured seats, 37c.; parquet and dress-circle, 25c.

"THE COLORED THOROUGHBREDS."

Song-and-dance.

TO NILES AND EVANS.

BY THOMAS AND HEENEY.

Here we are, two colored gents—
In form and feature, we're immense;
We're in for fun, and hang expense—
That's the style that always tells.
You will always find us dressed
In the nobbiest and best;
This, alone, should attest
That we are perfect swells.
Yes, whenever we go out,
Be it East, West, North or South,
All the ladies turn about—
We're their pets, without a doubt.
Chorus.—Yes, we are the darky mashers,
Gum-elastic, lively dashers;
All the ladies, as they pass us,
Surely blush and turn their heads.
They all like our careless air,
And with admiration stare,
For they see that we're a pair
Of colored thoroughbreds.

We're out from morn till after dark,
Always ready for a lark,
Supper, ball, or picnic park,
Anywhere there's noise or bustle;
But there's a line where we excel,
For, though we're sports, the truth to tell,
We are acrobats as well,
And travel on our muscle.
Watch the movements of our feet,
Here and there, so light and fleet;
Motions easy, graceful, neat,
Now for style—that can't be *beat*.
Chorus.—We are from the land of mangoes,
Just observe our wild fandangoes;
Watch us when the base drum bang goes,
That's the place we turn your heads;
Tumble, leap, or somersault,
Running-jump or standing vault;
If we fail, it's not the fault
Of the colored thoroughbreds.

MINSTRELSY IN CALIFORNIA IN 1856.

Sheridan Corbyn of San Francisco, Cal., sends us a bill of which the appended is a copy. Thomas Maguire is still in San Francisco, where he controls three theatres; R. M. Hooley is in Chicago, Ill.; S. A. Wells was killed by being thrown from a horse in Virginia City, Nev., Aug. 27, 1864; Max Zorer died in San Francisco, Cal., some years ago; Mike Mitchell died in Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13, 1862; Billy Birch is co-manager of the San Francisco Minstrels in this city; Edwin Deaves is now an actor in San Francisco; Charles Henry is living in Brooklyn, L. I., in temporary retirement; Eph Horn is in this city, and performs occasionally; George H. Coes is performing in San Francisco, Cal.; Napier Lothian is the leader of the orchestra at the Boston (Mass.) Theatre.

SAN FRANCISCO HALL.

T. Maguire.....Proprietor|S. A. Wells,
R. M. Hooley, ...Director of Amusements
Business-manager|Max Zorer...Musical Director
Dress-circle, $1; parquet, 50c.; boxes and orchestra seats, $2.

Box-office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., when seats can be secured.

Doors open at 6½; to commence at 7½ precisely.

Entire change of programme this evening.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.

IMMENSE HIT OF THE SHAKESPEARIAN FESTIVAL.

BILLY BIRCH AND MIKE MITCHELL

as the Aerobatic Brothers,

HENRY AND DEAVES IN NEW SONGS, ETC.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 16, 1856,

fourth night of the new piece entitled

THE INAUGURATION BALL.

The best bill yet offered to this discriminating public.

PROGRAMME.—PART I.

Grand Introductory Overture.....Full Band
Full Opening Chorus (from "The Postillion").. Company
...ulu is Our Darling Pride.....E. Deaves
Silly Dale.....C. Henry
Few Days.....Billy Birch
Sugar-cane Green.....S. A. Wells
Rosa Lee.....C. Henry
I'll Meet you on the Shell.....M. Mitchell
Quick Step.....Full Band

PART II.

Violin Solo.....R. M. Hooley
Old Tobacco Jake.....Eph. Horn and G. Coes
Pas D'Africane.....M. Mitchell and W. Birch
The Old Sexton (in character).....S. A. Wells
The Other Side of Jordan.....G. H. Coes
A Natural Flat and a Flat Sharp, or C sharp and B natural.....Birch and Coes
The Three Jolly Sports of the old P. D.
S. A. Wells, W. Birch and G. Coes
GRAND ACROBATIC DISPLAY BY THE RABBLE FAMILY,
in which Eph. Horn will introduce his Pet Elephant Corduloy.
Plantation Rattlesnake Jig by the champion Mike Mitchell
Overture.....Orchestra

To conclude with the laughable burlesque sketch entitled
THE INAUGURATION BALL, Or THE SHAKESPEARIAN FESTIVAL.

Previous Difficulties (always in trouble).....Eph. Horn
Hamlet and Richard (two individuals of entirely different dispositions, although concocted by the same brain).....S. A. Wells
Macbeth (turned equestrian).....W. Birch
Othello (engaged in enlisting troops for the Crimea).....G. Coes
Romeo (a love of a fellow).....C. Henry
Citizen (a peaceable fellow).....G. Coes
Lady Macbeth and Meg Merrilies (both of whom are always endeavoring to go "Scott" free).....N. Lothian
Bridget O'Flarity and Juliet (two distinct characters, whose reputations are at stake).....Mike Mitchell
The Other Side.....
Miss O'Flarity.....By the Infant Prodigy
Horse.....Mr. Willow-by
1st, 2d and 3d Witches.....By Three of the Knowing Ones
With new scenery by Mr. Brush; properties by Mr. Glue; decorations by Messrs. Damask & Co.; music, new and original, Mdms. Bass-clef; dances arranged by Sig. Schottische. The whole terminating with a terrific tab-blow.

In rehearsal, BONE SQUASH DIAVOLO.

N. B.—All bills against San Francisco Hall must be presented at the box-office on Mondays, between the hours of 1 and 4 P. M.

Stages will convey passengers to and from the hall every evening.

New song-book, containing the songs of the San Francisco Minstrels, for sale at the hall.

Children in arms not admitted.

OUT IN THE STARLIGHT.

SONG-AND-DANCE.

TO GEORGE.

Out in the starlight I'm waiting to meet you, my darling, again.
You know what I love you so dearly; then why will you let me remain
So lonely to pine for you, dearest? You tell me you love me so true;
Then why keep me waiting and watching, my sweet little daisy, for you?
Chorus.—When you are clasped within my arms, my heart is light and gay; (*Symp.*)
Then come and give me kisses sweet, my worries drive away. (*Symp.*)
Then hasten to meet me, my darling,
Ere silver stars fade in the skies;
For I'm happy, my queen, when you're near me,
Sweet one, with your laughing blue eyes.
(*Dance.*)

Out in the starlight I'm waiting; golden stars laugh in the sky,
All is hushed save the song of the streamlet, where, darling, I kissed you good-bye;
The zephyrs are kissing the flow'rets, the birds are asleep in their nest—
Come, together we'll roam in the wildwood, my dearest, my sweetest and best.
Chorus.—When you are clasped, etc.

Out in the starlight I'm waiting, with something so sweet, love, to tell,
That will please you, my fairest of darlings, my own little sunny-eyed belle;
Your bright eyes with love-light will brighten, if you will but wander with me,
And tell me, in words soft and tender, when my darling bride you will be.
Chorus.—When you are clasped, etc.

EVA BENEDICT.

RIVERS' CIRCUS IN 1853.

Charles R. Morris of Steubenville, O., sends us an advertisement cut from *The Herald* of that town, of the issue dated Sept. 12, 1853, a copy of which is annexed. Mme. Macarte is still living. The Rivers Family consisted of Frederick, Charles (both dead) and Richard (still before the public). Herr Lee, we believe, is dead. J. W. Myers is now managing a circus in Europe. William Odell died in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 28, 1866. J. W. Ward is still before the public:

RIVERS' EQUESTRIAN AND DRAMATIC CIRCUS
will exhibit at
BLOOMFIELD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
STEUBENVILLE, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Doors open at 1½ and 7. Performance to commence at 2 and 7½. Admittance 25 cents; positively no half price.

Consisting of an array of brilliant performers, selected from the cream of the most celebrated establishments of
EUROPE AND AMERICA:
and who conjointly, at every representation, produce a melange of entertainments
RICH, RARE AND UNEQUALED!

The features which peculiarly place this model Hippodrome above every other traveling exhibition are a stud of performing horses, incomparably superior in beauty and training to those of any establishment extant.

TROUPE OF EQUESTRIANS
who form a galaxy of stars in the arenic firmament.

A DRAMATIC CORPS
of rare histrionic ability.

A COMPANY OF ACROBATS, GYMNASTS, AND VOLTIGEURS,
whose feats, replete with daring dexterity and consummate grace, may be stamped as the "ne plus ultra" of Olympic excellence. Add to this the additional variety of a

MODEL TERPSICHORIAN TROUPE,
aided throughout with the elements of mirth and music, and a sketch is furnished of what may be appropriately termed THE MODERN OLYMPUS.

In fact only of the prominent artists who compose this nonpareil troupe can be enumerated in the limited space of an advertisement. First in excellence, and in all that savors of "la haute ecole,"is

LA BELLE LUCILLE,
Pupil of the Parisian Prima Donna,
MADAME MACARTE.

At Franconi's in Paris and in the great amphitheatre at Petersburg the young Lucille was unanimously proclaimed by admiring thousands "Queen of the Hippodrome."

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BASEBALL.

ÆTNA vs. RED STOCKINGS.

These clubs met for the first time this season at Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 12. The contest resulted in the defeat of the latter, after one of the finest and most hotly contested games ever played in that city. In the tenth inning Farrell of the Ætnas, being first to bat, made a clean hit; Bohn sent a hot grounder to second, which Dillon fumbled, allowing Bohn to gain first and Farrell second; Ross hit hard to second, which Dillon failed to stop; Morris sent a "daisy-trimmer" to second; Dillon, again fumbling the ball, allowed Farrell to come home amid shouts and applause. The excitement was now intense, as the Ætnas were one ahead, with three men on bases and no man out; but Morris was soon caught off first by a quick throw of Galvin's, upon which Bohn tried to steal home, but was run out by Dillon; Ross was next man out at second, putting side out. Dillon, first man to bat on the part of the Red Stockings, went out to Bowen; Redmond gained first on an error and took second on Crofts' grounder to Ross, which was fielded to first in time to retire the latter; Galvin now took hold of the ash, hoping to bring Redmond in, but he only sent up a high foul, which was beautifully taken on the bound by Hawes after a long run, ending the game.

ÆTNA.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Hawes, 1st b	0	0	12	1	0
Clifford, c. f.	0	0	4	0	0
Brown, c.	0	2	8	1	2
Sullivan, p.	1	0	0	5	0
Johnson, 2d b	0	0	2	0	0
Farrell, s. s	2	1	3	4	1
Bohn, 3d b	0	0	0	1	1
Ross, 3d b	0	0	0	1	0
Morris, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	3	30	11	9

RED STOCKINGS.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Barnes, 2d b	0	0	2	3	0
Peters, s. s.	1	1	3	3	1
McVey, 1st b	0	2	8	0	2
Radford, c.	0	1	9	2	0
White, c.	0	1	2	0	0
Hines, c. f.	0	2	3	0	0
Spalding, p.	1	1	0	1	0
Bielaski, r. f.	0	0	2	1	0
Glenn, l. f.	1	0	3	0	0
Totals	3	10	27	11	10

Ætna	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1—4
Red Stockings	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3—3

Left on bases—Ætna, 7; Red Stockings, 7. Fly catches—Ætna, 13; Red Stockings, 11. Struck out—Ætna, 3; Red Stockings, 4. Umpire, A. Turner of Detroit. Time, 1h. 50m.

The second game was played at Detroit, Aug. 15, and resulted in another defeat of the Red Sox.

ÆTNA.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Hawes, 1st b	2	0	6	0	0
Clifford, c. f.	1	1	2	0	0
Brown, c.	2	2	7	2	1
Sullivan, p.	0	1	1	1	1
Johnson, 2d b	0	0	1	1	0
Farrell, s. s.	0	2	5	4	0
Bohn, 3d b	0	0	2	2	0
Ross, r. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	5	7	27	8	4

RED SOX.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Barnes, 1st b	0	0	12	1	0
Clifford, 2d b	0	0	2	3	0
Croft, 1st b	0	0	13	0	0
Galvin, p.	0	0	1	3	0
Redmond, s. s.	0	0	0	2	0
Kitts, 1st b	0	0	10	1	1
Dunlap, s. s.	0	1	2	0	0
Fisher, 3d b	1	0	2	3	0
Keating, c. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Blackburn, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Heffer, c.	0	1	3	2	0
Blakely, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Devinny, l. f.	0	0	2	0	1
Totals	1	2	49	17	2

Earned runs—Ætna, 2; Red Stockings, 1. Total bases on hits—Ætna, 3; Red Stockings, 3. Left on bases—Ætna, 5; Red Stockings, 6. Fly-catches—Ætna, 17; Red Stockings, 11. Struck out—Ætna, 3 Red Stockings, 2. Umpire A. Turner. Time, 1h. 40m.

ST. LOUIS vs. CHICAGO.

These clubs met on the grounds of the St. Louis Club Aug. 15, and the home team, although outbatted, fielded far better than their opponents, and finally won a most creditable victory. Four of the nine runs scored during the game were made in the third inning, Chicago getting her two on errors by Bradley and Clapp, and base-hits by Peters and McVey. In this inning, after Bradley had earned first, a dropped ball by McVey, a juggle by Spalding, a square muff of Clapp's fly by Bielaski, and a wild throw by the same player, led to the St. Louisans getting in four runs, which gave them a commanding lead. A safe hit by Spalding and a three-bagger by Barnes in the ninth inning gave Chicago her third and last run. In the fourth inning a two-base hit by Bradley, and another muff and wild throw by Bielaski, gave Bradley his second run. In the sixth inning the Browns earned a run on a safe hit by Barnes and Bradley's terrific drive to centre-field for three bags. This ended the run-getting. Spalding proved more effective than Bradley.

CHICAGO.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Barnes, 2d b	1	3	3	3	0
Peters, s. s.	1	1	3	3	1
McVey, 1st b	0	2	8	0	2
Clapp, c.	0	1	8	0	2
White, c.	0	1	2	0	0
Hines, c. f.	0	2	3	0	0
Spalding, p.	1	1	0	1	0
Bielaski, r. f.	0	0	2	0	1
Glenn, l. f.	1	0	3	0	0
Totals	3	10	27	11	10

ST. LOUIS.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Pike, c. f.	1	0	1	0	0
Clapp, c.	1	0	4	0	4
McGeary, 2d b	0	1	3	1	0
Battin, 3d b	0	0	1	2	0
Cuthbert, l. f.	0	1	3	0	0
Blong, r. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Pearce, s. s.	0	1	1	2	0
Bradley, p.	2	3	1	1	1
Dehlman, 1st b	1	0	12	0	0
Goldie, c. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	6	6	27	11	5

Chicago	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1—3
St. Louis	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0—6

Runs earned—One each. Umpire, Mr. Walker of Cincinnati. Time, 2h.

HARTFORD vs. NEW HAVEN.

A very exciting game, which thirteen innings failed to decide, was played at New Haven, Ct., Aug. 16, between the crack team of that place and their neighbors in Hartford. The New Havens scored two in the second inning on safe hits by Spence and Snowden, aided by errors by Scott and Allison. They added one in the third on Pabor's three-base hit and a passed ball, and two in the fifth on a wild throw by Ferguson. The Hartfords scored three in the third on errors by Wright, and earned two in the fourth on hits by Wright and Scott, each being based, and Mills. The last eight innings were sharply played, both pitchers and both catchers doing good work. During these innings batting was light, and no good chances to score were offered. Game was called to enable the Hartfords to meet another engagement.

HARTFORD.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Remsen, c. f.	1	2	1	0	1
Burdock, 2d b	1	0	1	3	0
Higham, r. f.	1	2	2	0	0
Treacy, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Craver, 2d b	0	1	6	5	2
Carey, s. s.	1	2	1	0	0
Bond, p.	0	0	2	0	0
Wright, 1st b	1	1	12	0	2
Scott, c.	1	1	3	0	0
Mills, 1st b	0	0	1	1	0
Allison, c.	0	0	5	3	3
Totals	5	13	39	27	14

NEW HAVEN.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Fleet, 2d b	0	1	6	5	0
Waitt, 3d b	0	1	1	6	0
Pabor, l. f.	2	3	2	0	1
Cassidy, c. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Spence, 1st b	1	0	11	0	0
S. Wright, s. s.	1	1	0	8	5
Nichols, p.	0	0	1	2	7
Snowden, r. f.	0	1	2	0	0
Sexton, c.	0	0	7	2	2
Totals	5	9	39	27	15

Hartford	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3
New Haven	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—5

Runs earned—Hartford, 2; New Haven, 1. First base by errors—Hartford, 1; New Haven, 1. Struck out—Hartford, 6; New Haven, 4. Double-plays—Hartford, 2; New Haven, 1. Total bases on hits—Hartford, 16; New Haven, 12. Umpire, Mr. Parsons of the Stars. Time, 2h. 35m.

BLUE STOCKINGS vs. WESTERN ATHLETES.

One of the finest games of the season took place in Franklin, Ind., Aug. 11, between the above clubs. The fielding was sharp on both sides. The pitching of Mayer and Robbins was remarkably effective, the latter being the swifter of the two and more strategic; his pick-ups of grounders were splendid, and his throwing to first base first-class. In fact, both nines played a splendid game. In the seventh inning, Jeffrey, catcher of Blues, received a terrific ball in his face, entirely closing his right eye, causing a change in the nine, Way going to catch. This was the game of the season, the Blues having won two out of three. The umpiring of Mr. Sims was satisfactory.

BLUE STOCK'G.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
Dickerson, c.	1	1	8	3	1
Overstreet, r. f.	2	1	0	0	0
Way, 3d b.	0	0	3	2	1
Lanhamen, c. f.	0	1	1	0	0
Hunter, c. f.	0	1	1	0	1
Fogarty, r. f.	1	2	0	0	0
Wadsworth, s. s.	1	1	0	1	3
Gillean, l. f.	1	1	1	0	0
Ledwith, 3d b.	0	0	2	2	0
Dinnen, 2d b.	0	0	1	3	2
Totals	9	5	27	12	8

WESTERN A.	R.	1B.	PO.	A.	E.
T. Smith, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Lapham, 1st b.	0	0	14	0	1
Norman, 3d b.	0	0	6	3	1
Keerl, s. s.	0	0	2	3	0
Maddock, c.	0	1	1	5	9
W. Smith, p.	0	0	2	3	3
Hewer, 2d b.	0	0	2	2	2
Welsh, 2d b.	0	0	0	2	0
Hotaling, r. f.	0	1	1	0	1
Goldie, c. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	0	2	31	18	17

Blues	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	0—9

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Alexander, Laura (of Janchek's Co.)
Belmont, Louina (gymnast), 5c.
Bailey, Ella (2)
Bland, Edith
Byron, Lizzie
Bessom, Mrs. "Nat"
Bateman, Alice
Brennan, Mrs. R. A.
Beauclerc, Julia (2)
Beauclerc, Jennie
Conway, Julia
Collier, Mrs. (with Valdis Sisters)
Carpenter, Ida
Considiey, Sadie (with Paks & Davis)
Clancey, Ellen
Chase Sisters (gymnasts)
Celeste, "Pet"
Crawford, "Lotta"
De Vere, Mrs. Lu-lu
Donaldson, Virginia
Davenport, Minnie
De Forrest, Gussie
Emerson, "Dollie"
Everhart, Annie
Fox, Annie F.
Forrest, Kittie
Fisher, Mrs. Fred.
Fox, Ida C. (dansease)
Francis, Millie
Gresie, Mrs. Emma F.
Gonzales, Delia
Geraldine, Mad.
Gerry, Emma M.
Getchel, Sadie
Henri, Flora (2)
Holman, Julia
Hasson, Sadie
Howe, Lillie
Hasson, Lillie May
Howard, Lillian
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Jannauschek, Manager Mad.
Johnson, Lu-lu
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Kingsbury, Alice
Leach, Gussie
Lee, Ada
Lee, Fannie
LeClair, Mattie
Lee, Minnie
La Fond, Florence
Lanagan, Mrs. Anna L.
Lawson, Miss (with "Marionetts")
Lucille, Fannie
LeClair, Mrs. "shed"
Mahreitus, Mlle.
Meek, Mrs. Kate
Mordaunt, Marion
Mollenhauer, Henrietta (2)
Morris, Clara
Morgan, Rita (with Berger Family)
Mitchell's Co. Manag. of Maggie 6c.
Morrissey, Thos. (dancer)
Mack, H. (late of H. D'Este's Co.)
Morgan, Jos. (musician)
Mack, P. (of Murphy & Mack)
Mack, Isaac (musician)
Montague, Harry
Morton, John H.
Meech, Harry
Magee, John
Miller, A. H.
McKee "Andy"
Mack, T. E.
Markhoof, Jno.
McDowell, C. A.
MacKoye, Fred.
Miles, Wm. C.
Morton, Ed.
Maffit, Jno. J.
McCann, Wm. C.
Mackley, F. J.
Mellville, Chas.
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Nichols, Wm.
Nourse, Prof. Jas.
Nash, D. L.
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Owens, Mrs. (with Jas. Owens)
Parker, Georgia and Lizzie
Palmer, Minnie
Pike, "Dollie"
Putnam, Katie
Price, Fanny B.
Price, Miss (late of Toronto, Can.)
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Robinson, Marion (vocalist)
St. Felix, Henrietta
Storkmann, Emma
St. Cass, Louise
Swinburne, Marie (2)
Shinde, Annie (of Ward's Co.)
Seddons, Annie
Sebastian, Mrs. R.
Siegrist, Addie
Sherrie, Minnie
Theadore, May
Turner, Kittie
Victoria, Mlle. (gymnast)
Van Pelt, Miss L.
Valade, Fannie
Vincent, Emily
Warner, Ella
Wyndham, Alice
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Warren, Marie
Wilson, Mollie
White, Tracy
Wilson, Julia
Walton, Emma
Walton, Mrs. (of Van Amgh's Co.)
Weston, Emma (o.m. London, Eng.
Young, Fannie
Zoula, Millie

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Aack, J.
Allen, Chas. N.
Adams, Thos. (late of Howe's Cir.) 5c.
Allewell, Wiley
Ashton, J. B.
Atherton, Alfred
Arbuckle, Mr. (cornetist)
Aiken's Combin., Agent of Albert Ashfield. A th.
Avery, R. A.
Anderson, H. S.
Bryant, Neil
Brown, Gus.
Brully, E. C.
Booth, Edwin
Buckley, G. Swaine
Ball, Wm. (with Kelly & Leon)
Brown, B.
Barnaby, Adolpho 5c.
Bryson, Fred.
Bush, I. T.
Bailey, J. H.
Butler, C. W.
Bisbee, Frank
Birch, F. T. or F. Y.
Banks, C. L.
Breyer, W. Y.
Bell, Harry B.
Batchellor, Wm. H. 6c.
Bryant & Williams (2)
Boyd, And. (manager)
Benedict, C. (late of Globe Theat.)
Bagley, Wm. (minst. "biz")
Barton, Harry
Bell, Prof.
Brett, W. E.
Brown, W. B. ("comical")
Blaine or Baine, W. (musician)
Braham, Harry etc.
Brennan, Eugene
Burke, J. M. ("Shamleaux of Irin") (2)
Cassim, Mr. (acrobat)
Cromwell, Prof.
Mark
Chaver, F. M.
Cooper & Donohue
Carroll & Rose
Childs, Jos. (minst. "biz")
Carner, J. W.
Carter, Charles
Cowles, H. B.
Carr, Louis
Converse, Frank
Clifton, Howard
Callender, Chas.
Cassidy, Geo. H.
Cole, W. W.
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Conway, H. G.
Carrillo, R. J.
Clesay, Geo.
Crandell, H.
Couldock, C. W.
Connors & Mudge
Capranio, Ginlian
Clark, H. G. (of "Aguinia")
Clifford, Harry (comed.)
Collins, Wm. (of Collins & Oaks)
Cooke, J. E. (stage-manager)
Clark, Dollie
Dimple, Fred.
Clark, "Ned" (of Miller's Win. Gar.)
Campbell, Barney T.
Delevanti, Alfredo and John
Davis, C. H. (of Pavilion Cir.) (2)
Dankin, J. R.
Dahler, W.
Doud, Oliver
Davis, C. H.
Day, Frank
Derward, Ed. A.
Dewlinger, Chr.
Dunbar, W. H.
Daniels, Walter A.
Dutton, W. (of Rothschild's Cir.)
Daley, C. (with Maginley & Cook)
Dawson, Harry and Annie sisters
Demott, J. (of Rothschild's Cir.) (2)
Duane, Wm.
Daird, Louis N.
DeHaven, "Gus"
Delehanty, Wm. H.
Davis, C. Hamilton
Davidson, Joel S. 5c.
Eldridge, Preston W.
Emerson & Clark
Edwards, R. (circus "biz")
Earl, J. W.
Eades, Harry
Eggleston, B. F.
Engle, John
Euler, B. C.
Emerson, Peter
Ernst, Max
Freeman, Edward
Foote, Jr., Wm.
Frost, Hyatt
Fiske, S.
Forepaugh, A. J.
Fernet, Didian 3c.
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Friezo, Alberto W. 6c.
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Foster, Jno. (minst. "biz")
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Fritz, E. (of Cassim & Fritz)
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Gaskins, Geo. E.
Gooding, Geo. H. (2)
Garrison, W. W.
Gooding, E. D.
Gilbert, M. B.
Gaylord, "Low" Vine
Gallaer, A. W.
Goodwin, Chas. M.
Greenwood, Gust.
Gallger, James
Green & Rogers
Ginty, T. E.
Grun, Maurice
Goldsmith, D. (circus "biz")
Gardner, J. W. (minst. "biz")
Gilbert, Jas. (comed.)
Gaylord, J. B.
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Howson, Frank (leader)
Hogan, John
Hughes, "Paddy"
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Heywood Bros.
Hart, Jno. (minst. "biz")
Hyer, Frank
Hogan, Wm.
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Holcombe, C. J.
Hutchinson, A. B.
Hill, C. A.
Harwood, H. E.
Hopper, Jerry
Hengler, T. M. (2)
Himmel, Chas.
Henry, H.
Hodgkins, John
Hall & Thompson
Hill, Jno. W.
Harrison, Eugene
Haverly, J. H.
Harrold, D. (of Holman Op. Co.)
Hurler, J. (of Hurley & Marr)
"Irish Manager" (2)
K. Putnam's Co.
Johnson, J. H. "Jepp"
Jordan, Chas.
Johnston, Lew (minst. "biz")
Jennings, J. O.
Jack, Jas. M.
Kurtz and Nellie Brooks, Geo.
Kelley, Howe's Cir.)
Kirby, Wm. (comed.)
Kersen, Jno. F. 3c.
Kieley, Wm.
Kearns, Thos.
Kinsley, Sam'l G.
Kauer, G. (musician)
Lamb, Ed.
"King Sarbro"
Kari, Thos. L.
Kelley, Jas. A.
Lister, Arthur
Leopold, Jno. W.
Leavitt, M. B.
Lindley, Harry
LaClair, Harry
Leland, Matt.
Lynch, Wm.
Lafler, W. S. 10c.
Lane, — (manager)
Leopold, Geo. 5c.
Leigh, Thos. E.
Levens, Frank
Lacom, Robt.
Lent, Jr., L. B.
Lent, L. B.
Long, J. B. (leader)
Loon, Prof. (of Murray's Cir.)
Lawlor, J. (of "Old" Jno. Robin. Cir.)
Lee, J. H. (of Adams & Lee)
Lasicar, Jacob
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LeGrand, —
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Odell, Wm.
O'Neil, Barry
Operti, Sig.
O'Neil, J. K.
Pendy, John
Peasley, John
Price, B. F.
Perry, Capt. C.
Parr, Jr., D. Preston (2)
Price, Mark M.
Parsons, H. T.
Parsons, O. H.
Pezzeri, F.
Porter, B. C.
Philon, Monsa.
Peck, G. (of "Tom Thumb's" Co.)
Phillips, S.
Plunkett, Chas.
Pholtes, The
Pierce, "Billy" (2)
Palmer, "Doc" Geo. W.
Price, Edwin
Robbins, Burr.
Roser, W. B.
Runnell, J. A.
Richards, Wm.
Rowe, C. C.
Robson, Stuart
Russell, Henry
Richtather, J.
Rowe, G. F.
Roberts, R. D.
Regan, E. (of Wallack's Com. Co.)
Rowen, C. (of Howe's Cir.)
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Riley, Jacob
Reid, Wm. H.
Ryan, William
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Slate, Hank
Suydam, Eugene
Tudor, J. (pantomimist)
Turnour, Alfred
Thomas & Heeney
Taylor, C. W. (of "Centennial" Co.)
Tinkham, Jos.
Tompkins, A. W.
Trusler, Dean
Thompson, Geo. B.
Tripler, Wm. C.
Toole, Monte
Thompson, Wm. W.
Thornton, I. R.
"Tom Thumb," Jun'l
Turner, "Ned"
Toomey, W. F.
Towner, Henry H.
Thorne, Ed. F. 6c.
Thompson, W. (of Queen's Cir.)
Very, Edward
Van Duran, A.
Vivian, Chas.
Wood, D.
Ward, Dell.
White, Chas. O. (2)
Washburn, E. S. (2)
Wilsey, Chandler
West, W. H. (song-and-dance)
Watlington, Wm.
West, E. (of Wood & West)
Washburn, Leon
Wilson, W. (of Callender's Minst.)
White, W. (late of Cleveland, O.)
Warner, J. E. (of Warner Bros.)
Worland, Jno.
White, Fred (musician)
Washburn, W. (of "L'at Senzat" Co.)
Walters & Reilly 5c.
Wildman, F. J.
Webb, H. S.
White, Judd R.
Witherbee, L.
Williams, Jesse
Welch, J. F.
Wate, Geo.
Weston, Wm.
Wright, D. O.
Woodward, Jr., N. R.
Weaver, H. A.
Wallace, Bert. W.
Walters, Claude
Wachtel, Herr
Wild, John
Wheeler, Wm.
Whitmore, W. S.
Warhurst, Thos.
Wingfield, Jno.

THERE WERE LETTERS in the Detroit (Mich.) Post office on Aug. 17 for M. J. Fitzpatrick (4), S. B. Reynolds and J. W. Smith, all of Leavitt's Bellringers; G. B. Clark of Forepaugh Circus; Fred. B. Ayra of Hooley & Co., Ed. Smith of Howe's London Circus, Joseph Jukes, circus "biz;" W. W. Barber and Henry Miller, both of Haverly's Minstrels; and E. M. Atkinson of California Minstrels.

INTRODUCTORY OVERTURE.

MONDAY, Aug. 21, '76.

We regret to notice that several of our contemporaries, and among them two or three that we looked upon as "influential, respectable dailies," have found it necessary, during these hard times, to violate the sanctities of the private life of actors and actresses, and publish to the world the domestic relations of our professional friends; the sum-total of their wealth, or the lowest depths of their poverty; to resurrect dead issues and invest them with new life; to record the ages of the ladies, which no refined gentleman should do; to name those who are married, and to add insult to injury by multiplying the progeny of such marriages; to give the real names of those actresses who, for certain family reasons, may have assumed other names than their own, and by which they are theatrically known; and much other gossip of the same sort. We know that newspapers have seriously experienced the depressing effects of the times, and have been compelled to go out of their legitimate line of business in search of sensational matter with which to entertain their hungry readers. We know that several have silently passed out with the tide, to be seen and read no more forever, while others are in the last stages of dissolution, and only keep their heads above water through the charity of friends and the forlorn hope of a turn of the tide in the affairs of men. We are fully aware that "desperate cases require desperate remedies," and we look with pity upon those "influential papers" which step out of the usual track, and, while they have gained fame and fame for fair heel-and-toe walking, and, turning into the highways and byways, give a hop-skip-and-jump into the family circle, and ruthlessly tear aside the veil of domestic privacy, and expose to the world those things with which the wicked world has nothing to do, and which concern none but those whose privacy has been thus violated. What our professional friends say or do upon the stage may be publicly commented upon, and no one will complain; but let their private life be free from the intrusion of the interviewer or newspaper reporter. What would be thought of an actress should she, while in the performance of a part assigned her, pause for a moment, and, advancing to the footlights, confidentially inform the audience that Tyrone G. Dowden, Esq., editor of *The Gravesend*, the advocate of moral reform, was the "protector" of Cora Diamond, the well-known prostitute, while his legitimate wife was bereft of the society of her husband, who not only ill-treated her, but failed to supply her with even the common necessaries of life? What would Tyrone G. Dowden, Esq., say to such an expose? What would the public say? And yet this "case in example" may be true of more than one virtuous journalist—at least of "several of our cloth," grieved to say it though we are; and from which sin our theatrical friends are, as a class, almost wholly free. And suppose that "the heavy villain" of the play should pause in his wild career, and, in an "aside," disclose to the awe-stricken audience the startling fact that J. Destiver Lemaire, editor and proprietor of *The Daily Bugle*, has been sailing under false colors—that his real name is Wm. Jones, under which, in England, some ten years ago, he was tried, convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the chain-gang in Australia, but from which penal servitude he escaped the second year, and came to this city, where he started *The Bugle* with the proceeds of the forgery for which he was convicted, and with which proceeds he safely got away before the minions of the law went for him? Suppose all that, now! Gosh! What a howl of indignation would go forth from J. Destiver Lemaire, and what a fearful blast *The Bugle* would give! And yet there may be just such men among us, just such diseased leeches fattening upon a deceived and confiding public. Our professional friends have as much right to investigate the other, the private life of the editor, as the latter has to sneak in upon the domestic hearth of the actress, and, in his journal, blab out the astounding revelation that Miss Jessie Frisbee, the beautiful and accomplished comedienne, is *not* a miss, but a wife and mother, whose real name is Mrs. Moriarty, and whose husband keeps a saloon "near the Centennial buildings." It would not look well in print were we to assert that the impartial dramatic critic of *The Daily Whisper* was on the payroll of the manager of the Beyreuth Theatre, would it? And yet such things be, and overcome us like a Summer cloud, and so forth, and so on. And durst we but "disclose," as the "influential editors" have sought to disclose, we could, and we would, unfold that which would harrow the soul and make each particular editorial hair to stand upon its head like quills upon the frightful porcupine. We ask our virtuous contemporaries to hesitate in their fell purpose—to desist, as it were, from intruding upon the private life of the actress or the actor, and tearing to pieces in as well that hedge about the sanctity of the family circle. "Our boys" are heavily weighted with sin, and they shouldn't throw mud at the poor actress who is struggling to keep her end up by pursuing the duties of an honorable profession. Have a care!.....And talking about our boys reminds us of a menagerie-keeper and a dead horse, the difference between which is, that one has *heads to see*, and the other has *ceased to be!* And we say this with all due respect to our boys who have ceased to be.....And here we desire to say a word in behalf of an ill-used and much-abused class, and that is that billposters are good friends to have, for they'll always *stick up for you!* which is more than most friends do.....When Barnum's old museum, on Broadway and Ann street, was a-burning on that hot Summer's day eleven years ago, and when kangaroos were a-hopping about, and learned seals a-swimming in their native element, and living lions lyin' around loose in their lairs, we remember saying to a comical reporter, whom we supplied with fresh jokes and things that we enjoyed that surging scene just the same as we enjoyed one of Charles Dickens' works, because we could there see the *old curiosities hop!*.....This funny conceit has awakened "Our Jim" from his lethargy, and he wishes to say that, fond as he is of curiosities, he wouldn't pay a cent to see a "*mermaid*"—he can see plenty of 'em on the dock for nothing.....And now, we suppose, every operatic manager, every speculator, every agent in the country will be setting sail in the first outgoing steamer to interview Mister Wagner, and obtain exclusive rights to produce his latest musical "What Is It" in this country. Now, as the action will be an unpardonable conspiracy against the peace and prosperity of this country, for any opera that takes four nights for its performance, Sundays included, will just kill our people dead; and while not wishing harm to the parties going for it, we may be pardoned for hoping that all of those conspirators may be drowned before they get to Beyreuth! And yet, as a general thing, we do not yearn for human gore! No, James; it is not *Cal.* Wagner who has given life to this musical monstrosity—this music of the future. Cal. would scorn to do such a suicidal deed.....We fear that Professor King and those five New York lunatics—who didn't want to their names made public—who went up in a balloon at the Centennial grounds a couple of weeks ago, must have gone to meet Professor Donaldson, for we haven't heard anything concerning them since the day they went up. True, we saw the balloon and its passengers coming down on the Jersey shore before they had gone far from their starting-point; but, as they arose again in about half an hour, it is probable that they cast lots to see which man should be thrown out. We watched that aerial ship till it got several miles away, and then we saw it, while the twilight dews were falling fast, falling fast as the dews, and that settled the fate of literary men of Gotham, who, doubtless, went home by the first train, if they were not lost in the solitudes of Norristown. Sadness fills our soul!.....

The dead-walls of Philadelphia are all alive with the pictorial bills of Tony Pastor's famous combination, which opens at the Walnut-street Theatre this evening, Aug. 21. Tony and his famous troups are always welcome guests in the Quaker City, and as that place is now crowded with visitors from all parts of the country, it is almost certain that the Pastor and his flock will do a large business, for they are bright harbingers of the future, and, like "good wine, need no bush." And here we propose to make poetry *in re*

CHAMPAGNE.

Immortal vintage! From thee may be quaffed a royal draught;
For thee the soldier fights, the gourmand begs.

[A line is missing here, which I fill up: Mine comes in kegs.—OUR EDS.]

.....And this reminds us of a scrap sent to us by our Paris correspondent, touching an incident which occurred in a restaurant in that gay city. "Waiter," cried an irritable gentleman who was dining at the Helder, "this wine is detestable; it is not Veuve (Widow) Clicquot, I am sure." "Well, sir," replied the waiter humbly, "I don't know; it is likely *she has married again!*".....And recently, at a banquet given in honor of somebody at some place, the name of which we have forgotten, we asked a West Point cadet which he preferred, speeches or victuals? "Oh, rations, of course," he replied. But we are still in doubt as to his meaning.....And here we would take occasion to say that a capitalist *builds a town!* So does an advance-agent. And just here we should like to know if pawnbrokers are not *advance* agents.....Here is a seasonable item: The male character in "The Woman of Fire" must be very cold, as he's always *Below's hero*. [Reliable translation from the French—*Below zero*!]..... Which reminds us of the fact that new plays are on the abyss of the new season, when their merits will be made public, and their sentence be pronounced. Kissing, they say, goes by favor; but we doubt it, for Our Jim tried to gain it by favor a few evenings ago in the absence of the young girl's mother; and, as she was a little ahead of the season for bivalves, the rash youth is now wearing a raw oyster on each eye. We would fain draw upon our fertile brain, and concoct sundry lines of well-favored poetry about

KISSING.

That osculation's popular, the world at large will say;
A lady, we are pleased to know, now has it in a play.
She may anticipate applause, and have no fear of hisses,
For with would-be-puns like *pretty Minnie Palmer's*.....
.....We are told that, realizing the success of "The Two Orphans," a three-ply playwright contemplates going two better, and giving the public "The *Four* Orphans!" Although our informant is a gentleman of wealth, yet we are compelled to say that this diabolical report needs confirmation. More anon.

CITY SUMMARY.

AT KELLY & LEON'S MINSTRELS the olio portion of the programme was entirely changed the past week. Master Benny Grinnell made quite a success in a song-and-dance styled "Counting in the Rain;" T. H. Surridge, a Japanese Tommy and Wm. Ball made considerable mirth in a sketch called "Our Boys;" C. H. Gordon sang effectively a couple of ballads; Lew Benedict elicited repeated ripples of laughter by his witty remarks in a burlesque oration; and Mons. Chouffeuri at Home," the crowning attraction, although not the most pretentious of the entertainments yet produced here. The single scene required for its performance represented a parlor, and it was a marvel of neatness and refined taste. Edwin Kelly as Chouffeuri, a retired merchant, appeared to unusual advantage, acting with much vivacity and imbuing the character with a touch of eccentricity. Jean as his young daughter, Ernestine, wore a charming toilet of white material of the latest style, and as the young lady is supposed to be just budding into womanhood, the character gave Leon an admirable opportunity to display his artistic abilities. Edwin Lester made a hit as Babylas, the artist lover, and the operetta was admirably rendered by these three performers. Among the guests, Arthur Lake deserves a word of praise for his eccentric make-up and acting of the character of Baron Balandard. Business has been quite encouraging.

THE SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS are to commence their regular season Aug. 28.

MANAGER DAN SHELBY of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived in town last week.

JOHN GERMON and W. A. Sands, members of Minnie Doyle's Dramatic Company, arrived in this city Aug. 13, from Hamilton, Bermuda, in the steamship Canima.

MRS. HENRY COOK, *nee* Josephine Tooker, a daughter of Joseph H. Tooker, business-manager of Booth's Theatre, died Aug. 18, at the age of 20 years and 10 months. Her funeral took place from the Church of the Strangers at two o'clock P. M., Aug. 21, and her remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

ONE OF THE TWO SEALS brought hither some two weeks ago for the New York Aquarium, now building at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-fifth street, died Aug. 19, entailing a heavy loss upon W. C. Coup, the manager.

THE MISSES ALICE WYNDHAM and Annie Deland are to act in "David Garrick" at the Fifth-avenue Theatre next week.

EDWIN BOOTH is to fulfill an engagement in this city during the coming season, and will probably perform in the Grand Opera-house. In order to forestall the production of "King Lear" at Booth's Theatre, he will act that character during the engagement.

CHARLES F. COGHLAN of the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, Eng., is positively engaged to play the leading business at Daly's Fifth-avenue Theatre next season, which will commence about Sept. 12.

CALL.—The ladies and gentlemen engaged for the regular season at the Fifth-avenue Theatre are requested to assemble Aug. 30. See Aug. Daly's card.

B. F. HITCHCOCK is to open his Third-avenue Theatre for the regular season on Aug. 26.

THE PRESENT WEEK will be the last opportunity to witness E. A. Sothern's performance of Lord Dundreary for some time, as he is announced to appear as David Garrick at the Fifth-avenue Theatre on Aug. 28. There was a good average attendance the past week.

W. J. COGSWELL returned to town the past week from Niagara Falls, where he has been passing the Summer.

THE OAKIE BROTHERS are to make their first appearance in this city, since their return from California, at the Olympic Theatre, Aug. 28.

HARRY B. BELL has been engaged through Col. T. Allston Brown for the Bowery Theatre for second business.

JENNY HUGHES has left an up-town theatre, where she was engaged for the coming season, having refused to play the part of Jupiter in "Ixion." Aggie Wood was then engaged to play the same part, but, finding that it had been very much abbreviated, refused to play it after rehearsing it once. Then Nelly Sanford (Mrs. Sheldon) was engaged, and she has consented to play it.

EDWARD E. KIDDER has been engaged for the coming season by Augustin Daly as business-agent of his Fifth-avenue Theatre "Pique" Combination.

BERTHA AND IDA FOY are to perform two weeks at the Olympic Theatre, commencing Sept. 11, after which they join Billy Pastor's Combination for the season.

"SARDANAPALUS," Lord Byron's historical tragedy as arranged for representation in four acts by Chas. Calvert, was produced at Booth's Theatre Aug. 14, inaugurating the regular season of 1876-7. It was acted with the following cast:

Sardanapalus	F. C. Bangs
Salemenes	Louis Aldrich
Arbaces	E. K. Collier
Beleses	H. C. Weaver
Altada	Harry Hogan
Pania	E. F. Knowles
Hero	B. L. Mathock
Zames	A. H. Forrest
Balea	A. Jacques
Herald	H. N. Wilson
Zarina	Miss Dora Goldthwaite
Myrrha	Agnes Booth

The scenery was painted by William Telbin and Walter Hahn of the principal London, Eng., theatres, from illustrations in "Layard's Ancient Nineveh;" the costumes were made from sketches furnished by Alfred Thompson, and selected from the department of oriental antiquities in the British Museum; the regalia, paraphernalia, weapons, musical instruments, banners—both sacred and secular—and the drinking vessels were prepared, it is claimed, from proper authorities. In the opening scene the front of the stage represents a terrace in the pleasure gardens of the royal palace of Nineveh, and upon a drop at the rear is painted a view of the royal palace, situated upon the opposite bank of the Tigris. The great tower is the tomb of a king, a small building beneath the tower is a temple dedicated to an Assyrian god, and adjoining it is the north-west palace, built by Sardanapalus. Shortly after the rise of the curtain a grand procession announces the approach of Sardanapalus. First are seen a number of musicians carrying and supposed to be playing upon ancient instruments of music—the trigonon, tuba, dichord, psaltery, cymbalistrum and systrum; these are followed by a number of the King's pages, bearing fans; a company of bowmen, fully armed; a troop of retainers carrying lighted flambeaux, burning perfumes; a company of spearmen, fully armed; various members and officers of the court, including Arbaces and other satraps of provinces; Beleses, the Chief Priest, and other Chaldeans, bearing the insignia of their office; the chief courtiers and favorites of the King; the Royal Herald and a company of trumpeters; the King's body-guard; a guard of eunuchs, fully armed; a company of dancing-girls, singers and musicians; Myrrha and other ladies of the court and their attendants; Sardanapalus, in an Oriot chariot, drawn by three steeds, followed by a guard of honor, carrying emblems of gods and divinities, the royal standards and sacred banners. The great variety of rich and gorgeous costumes, shields and implements of warfare, musical instruments, banners and emblems produced a grand effect, and afforded the historical student a good opportunity of witnessing what was in vogue twenty-five centuries ago. The second scene represents a corridor in the palace, tapestried; numerous attendants cross the stage, and pass through an opening in the tapestry, bearing wines and viands for the coming banquet. Here may be seen samples of the cups and vessels then in use, as well as representations of the flowers, fruits, etc., of the period. During their passage, musicians and singers perform the ancient Pæan or Hymn to Apollo. "Burnett's History of Music" states that this hymn is probably the oldest in the world, and it was attributed by Burnette to Dionysius Lamius, and is composed in the Dorian mode. Plutarch. For the third scene the first was again used, but it was seen under the influence of colored lights, giving the effect of a gorgeous sunset. A group of worshipers of the sun were seen at their devotions in the foreground. As the action progresses the scene becomes darker, the red rays of the setting sun gradually fading away, twilight, and finally to the gloom of night, which is shortly after dispelled by the rising of the full moon. As the rays of the orb of Night, after she had ascended above the roof of the palace, fell upon the waters of the Tigris, the effect was highly natural and pleasing. At the moment the royal gallery rises

TONY PASTOR'S TROUPE played to a large matinee and overflowing night-house at the Griswold Opera-house, Troy, N. Y., Aug. 19. A boy stole a quantity of chair-tickets from the box-office, and sold several before the game was dropped on. Tony admitted the sufferers free.

BILLY REGAN, Irish balladist and comic vocalist, can be addressed care of this office.

THE DALY BROTHERS publish their permanent address in our advertising department.

ADA LYNWOOD, balladist, commences an engagement at the Olympic Theatre, this city, Sept. 18, and opens at Holliday-street Theatre, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 16. Managers desiring to engage her can address care of this office.

R. M. CARROLL publishes his address in another column, and informs managers that the Carrolls can be engaged for their specialties.

THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS have been engaged for next season at the Holliday-street Theatre, Baltimore, Md.: Kate Raymond, Estelle Mortimer, Christie Miller, Eliza Oliver, Mrs. and Mr. Chas. Morris, J. Fowle, Geo. W. Mitchell, Geo. France, C. E. Fleming and O. B. Collins.

THE GRAND CENTRAL THEATRE, Philadelphia, will be reopened under the management of R. T. Range, and with James Collins as stage-manager, on Saturday evening, Sept. 2. Harry Guion will be one of the dramatic company.

AT ENOCHS' VARIETIES, Philadelphia, where John R. Lane is now the business-manager, the attendance was large during the past week. Tim Morris and Ella Heflin will be added to the company on the 31st inst.

MISS AMANDA LEE has been tendered a complimentary benefit at Enochs' Varieties on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 24, when we trust to see a large attendance. This deserving artist is now lying very low with consumption, and her many friends—headed by the generous Harry Enochs—have united in giving her this testimonial benefit, as she is in straitened circumstances.

From Baltimore, Md., our correspondent, under date of Aug. 19, sends the following variety items: "The New Central Theatre, built last year, which has been closed during the Summer, opened this evening for the Fall and Winter season with a fine variety combination, including Geo. K. Fortesque, burlesque actor; Nully Pieris, vocalist; Ida Morris, Alice Somers, song-and-dance; the Arnold Brothers, Ida Siddons and Louise Stetson; Florence Warner and Marie Swineburne, two good bicyclists; the Irwin Sisters in sketches; C. A. Loder, Dutch eccentricities; George B. Radcliffe, comedian; Mons. Grossi in ballet; and J. F. Ward, comedian. 'The Grand Duchess' is to be put on next week. Kernan Brothers are proprietors of the theatre, and Charles Howard is the stage-manager..... The Odeon, E. M. Catstine proprietor, has been doing excellent business all Summer, and for the Fall has been brightened up inside, so as to look quite attractive. The company at present includes Tommy Warfield, Fanny Monzert, J. A. Kelly, Minnie Chapin, Ada Freeman, Fannie Florence, Fred Harris, Gussie Monzert and Alice Gleason. Tommy Warfield, the bones of the company and a good banjoist, was married a few days ago to Minnie Chapin, a pretty little vocalist. His own name is Thomas Hennessy, and hers was Minnie Batchelor. The ceremony was performed at Cozine's by Rev. J. B. Stitt, in considerable style..... The Oriental Varieties, Wells & Beck proprietors, has been doing well, and has a good company for minstrelsy and burlesque. The regular company includes Harry Miller, Ned Thatcher and Dick Hume, song-and-dance men; Little Lottie and Clara Moore, vocalists; the Robinson Family, Ada Lee in statuesques, and Florence Wells and Mollie Johnson, dancers. The Robinsons, Ada Lee, Mollie Johnson and Little Lottie close. For next week Lizzie and Albert Byron and Maggie Perle are announced..... W. J. Gilmore, formerly of Philadelphia, has leased the Holliday-street Theatre from John T. Ford for three years. The theatre will open Sept. 18 with a first-class novelty company."

METTE & STOKES' European Circus and Combination are performing at Smith's Island, opposite Philadelphia.

AT THE WASHINGTON GARDEN, Volks' Garden, Parisian Varieties, and Belmont Opera-house, Philadelphia, variety entertainments were given last week, the first-named attracting the largest share of patronage.

AT THE WINTER GARDEN, Philadelphia, the new faces on the 14th inst. were the Vaidis Sisters in their trapeze act, Mlle. Fauze in vocal efforts, and Harry Cavella in songs and sketches.

AT NOONAN'S VARIETIES, Philadelphia, an excellent attendance was noticeable during the past week, the only new face being Miss Maude Rogers in fancy dances. Sally Eldridge and Cora Devere open there 21. Performers are wanted here, as per card in our advertising columns.

PROF. PERALTO, magician, advertises that he can be engaged from Sept. 4.

SPECIALTY PERFORMERS, dramatic artists and musicians can secure engagements by addressing J. S. Banks, as per card.

PERFORMERS are wanted at Loewen Garden Theatre, Cincinnati, O. See advertisement.

LULU WENTWORTH, balladist, banjoist, and vocalist, and George Austin, banjoist and comedian, can be addressed care of this office by managers desiring to engage them for the coming season.

LEMUEL MASON and Josie Austin were in Cleveland, O., Aug. 17, visiting their friends.

FROM THE THEATRE COMIQUE, Cleveland, O., the departures Aug. 19 were Mons. Garowe, Mlle. Adeline, the D'Alves Sisters, Bonnie Nelson, Kitty Whitland, Frank and Eva Bennett, and Cummings and Haynes, of Detroit, Mich.; Manchester and Jennings and Miss Nellie Howard, to Indianapolis, Ind.; Collins and Moore, to Detroit. Billed for 21 are John Le Clair, the Willis Sisters, Huber and Glidden, Kate Lee and Alice Offmore.

J. H. HAVERLY has secured a long lease of the Adelphi Theatre, Chicago, Ill., and purposes opening it as a first-class vaudeville theatre. He desires a strong specialty organization to open Aug. 28, and a dramatic or spectacular company for Sept. 10. Stars, combinations, specialty artists, etc., desiring time, either at this house or at Maguire's New Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., are referred to Mr. Haverly's card, published in our business department.

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE, Brooklyn, N. Y., is to be opened for the season on Aug. 21. The officers and company will be as follows: Charles Chevalier & Co., business-manager; Pierce L. Jarvis, treasurer; Harry Wood, stage-manager; W. A. Kearns, treasurer; Harry and Fanny Wood, Minnie Seaman, the Sharpley Brothers, Clark Gibbs, Emma Early, O'Donnell and Moncrief, J. D. Rooms, Fanny Lewis, J. Crocker, Little and Rankin, Nellie Wells, Miss Kate Jones, Edwin Price, J. H. Cooke, Charles Manley, John Lewis, Sylvester Post, W. A. Gregston, H. Wallace, J. L. Fisher, Ida Addison and Miss Patten.

SHERIDAN AND MACK, in consequence of the latter failing to go to England, as anticipated, will continue to perform together in their specialties as heretofore.

PROF. LEON and his three pupils will shortly conclude their second season with J. H. Murray's Circus, and will be open for engagement in their several gymnastic and acrobatic acts at vacant theatres. They can be addressed care of this office.

A NUMBER OF LADIES are wanted to appear in a new sensation. See advertisement.

F. H. OSBORN, juggler, balancer and musician, advertises for an engagement.

HANNA JOSEPHS, comedian, character-actor and female impersonator, now performing at the Boston (Mass.) Museum, can be addressed as per card.

BUTLER AND MACKIE, juvenile acrobatic song-and-dance artists, are open for dates. See Robert Butler's advertisement.

AT DEXTER VARIETIES, Kansas City, Mo., business is reported good. Among the latest appearances are the Weston Bros., Thomas Murphy, J. P. Atkins and Johnny Jess. Weston Bros. and Tom Murphy closed Aug. 18 for Galveston. Harley Anderson, comedian and banjoist, was to open 18. Talent is advertised for by Manager Warner.

I. DAVRAU, song, sketch and dramatic writer, advertises in another column.

PROF. DAVIS' dogs, now with Murray's Circus, can be secured by applying to advertised address.

BLANCHE SELWYN, character-vocalist, and Ben Gilfoil, song-and-dance and Ethiopian comique, now performing at Maguire's New Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., will arrive in New York about Sept. 15. They can be addressed care of this office.

EMILY PRIOR, vocalist, is disengaged, and can be addressed as per card.

S. K. LENHART of Greensburg, Pa., writes us that he starts upon a tour with the following company: Samuel Holmes, old-men specialties; Pat. Hopkins, Irish comedian; Harry Kunkle, Dutch comedian; Thomas Kirkwood, comedian; John Myers, vocalist; Kunkle and Bryant, song-and-dance; Charles Bassford, Whitly Johns, female impersonator. Company 1. billed in Latrobe Aug. 24, Blairsville 25, Saltsburg 26, Indiana 28, 29.

J. C. DILLON'S new character song, "Don't Go to the Black Hills," can be obtained of J. L. Rippey, who advertises.

ORRIN BROS., who have just concluded a successful three months' engagement in California, are now on their way East, and will open at the Olympic Theatre, this city, Aug. 28. They can be addressed for dates as per card.

CHARLES KONOLLEAN, Dutch comique, can be addressed care of this office.

J. B. RUDD, Irish comique, vocalist and dancer, can be addressed as per card in our business department.

LADY SPECIALTY ARTISTS are wanted at Thompson's Theatre, Dallas, Tex. Apply to D. J. Sprague, who advertises.

VARIETY ARTISTS are referred to Col. Sinn's card of the Olympic Theatre, this city, and Park Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y.

JOHN MCVEIGH'S eccentric song-and-dance entitled "Take Care" can be obtained, both words and arrangement, by applying to advertised address.

HARRY KUNKLE, Dutch sketch-artist, end-man, etc., having canceled his engagement with Harry Robinson's Minstrels, advertises that he is open for a position.

MLLE. MAHRETTA is referred to Manager Leavitt's card in regard to rehearsal.

CALL.—The company engaged for the ensuing season with Mme. Rentz's Minstrels will assemble at Dramatic Hall, this city, Aug. 28. See Manager Leavitt's card.

THE WALHALLA BROTHERS and J. S. Leopold, acrobats, bar performers and gymnasts, will produce their specialties together during the coming Winter season. They can be engaged after Nov. 10, and their address is care of this office.

IT IS ASTONISHING how good the business has been at Orchestrion Hall, Detroit, Mich., when we take into consideration this unfavorable weather, the house being filled almost every night, wrote our correspondent on Aug. 19, continuing: "Another remarkable fact is that each performer has to depend upon his individual efforts to make a success here, having no scenery or other necessary adjuncts to enhance an act. The proprietor has, however, decided to fit up the stage handsomely, and make a permanent variety hall for lady audiences. The new people Aug. 14 were all old favorites, who appeared here a few weeks ago, and who were all vociferously received with four and five encores: Annie Fox, Harry Stanwood, and Moore, of Collins and Moore. Mr. Collins has been quite ill all the week, and unable to appear, as was also Jennie Willis. There are no closing people this week, and on Aug. 21 Chas. O. Seaman, Kitty Durand and E. K. Houghton are to appear. Matinees on Saturdays are also established..... The Theatre Comique will be opened 21 with the following people: B. C. Hart, stage-manager; Bonnie Nelson, the D'Alves Sisters, the Phoites, Frank Bennett, Mlle. Adeline, Mons. Garowe, Kitty Whitland, Billy Sharp, Jerry Watson and Master Raney."

ANOTHER FATAL TRAPEZE ACCIDENT.—Verdy Serano, a Spaniard, while performing on the trapeze Aug. 2 at the Bella Union Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., fell backward to the stage, a distance of nearly 15 feet, and, there being no net underneath, he injured his spinal column so severely that he died on Aug. 5. He was about 25 years of age, and left a widow and one child. He was for a long time connected with the Hanlon Brothers.

FAYE WHEELER in his darky specialties advertises himself as open for engagements.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN during the week ending Aug. 5 notified Samuel Tetlow, manager of the Bella Union Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., that unless he withdrew Lottie and Walter Merting, respectively five and seven years of age, from his stage, proceedings would be instituted against him. Manager Tetlow claimed that he had obtained permission from Mayor Bryant for them to perform their feats. Inquiry disclosed the fact that the Mayor's permit only allowed the children to sing and dance. Detectives watched the performances and found that the children did contortion feats, and that the boy jumped through a burning hoop. On Aug. 8 two warrants were issued for the arrest of Manager Tetlow, and two for the arrest of the father of the children. The bond for appearance in each case was placed at $500.

MAGGIE WESTON, impersonator of male characters, will appear in her specialties at the Theatre Comique, this city, Sept. 4. An extract from the local press, published in another column, attests to her popularity and the effectiveness of her renditions.

J. H. HAVERLY has secured a lease of the Adelphi Theatre, Chicago, Ill., Messrs. Allen & Clynes remaining as managers. As soon as arrangements are completed it is Mr. Haverly's intention to produce historical and spectacular dramas, such as "Henry V," "Sardanapalus," etc. The fine stage is peculiarly adapted for this class of plays. The bill for the week has included an excellent olio by the St. Felix Ballet Troupe, the Reynolds Brothers in new sketches, Carroll and McCarthy in a new Irish sketch, the drama of "Branded," and a new series of statues, which were better than those given the previous week. Next (this) week a new set of tableaux vivants, Jem Mace and another pugilist in prize-ring exhibitions, and a continuation of the other star olio features..... The olio has suffered but little change at the Coliseum, while "Aladdin" has been substituted for "The Forty Thieves" as the spectacle. Business rather lighter at both this house and the Adelphi the past week. The Coliseum will be closed next (this) week, reopening on Sunday, Aug. 27. Letter of Aug. 18.

LILLIE LINDEN, an excellent song-and-dance performer, was the only new face at the Theatre Comique, Richmond, Va., the past week. On Aug. 18 the lady was the recipient of a valuable gold watch and chain. Mlle. Rosa, who has become popular, closed 19, to open at the Oriental, Baltimore, Md., 21. Prof. Hicks, leader of orchestra, jumped the town 16, and has enlisted in the Fortress Monroe Band. The attendance continues good. No announcements. Letter of Aug. 20.

AT TOOKER'S VARIETIES, Norfolk, Va., business is reported as being steadily on the increase. Mollie Wilson closed 18, and went to Washington, D. C. The new people commencing 21 are Lone Lander, serio-comic, and Miss Bessie Bent, vocalist and dancer. The Parker Sisters—Lizzie and Georgie—close 26, and go to Baltimore. Miss Edna Trellington, vocalist and statue artist, and La Petite Estelle, song-and-dance, are to open 26.

BUSINESS continues good at the Theatre Comique, Providence, R. I. Arrivals 14 were J. D. Griffin, an excellent Irish comedian; Healy and Ella Saunders, in their popular dances; and the return of Bates Lenton and Master Danie Pearl. Departures were J. H. O'Gara, to Newport, and Healy and Ella Saunders. For this week, W. C. Turner, Frank Harrison, Mase and Crayton, Jennie Aubrey and Ella Newell are billed.

TONY PASTOR'S COMBINATION attracted an immense audience to Martin Hall., Albany, N. Y., Aug. 18. Route: Troy 19, Philadelphia for two weeks, commencing 21..... The Adelphi Theatre, late the Capitol, will be opened on Sept. 2 by W. B. Roser, a gentleman formerly connected with the management of this place. He will run it as a variety theatre.

G. W. MIDDLETON is to open the Grand Central Theatre, Troy, N. Y., Aug. 28, for two weeks, with female minstrels, variety, tableaux, and sentimental dramas.

IT IS SAID that Mr. Tom Lowry has leased the Turne Halle, 847 Washington st., Boston, Mass., and that he proposes opening it as a variety establishment under the name of The Theatre Comique. ..... The alterations in the Boylston Museum are progressing. T. H. Plummer will continue to manage it.

MRS. COLLIER, mother of the Vaidis Sisters, is referred to a notice in our business department.

ARTISTS capable of ability and a vigorous man are wanted at Enochs' Varieties, Philadelphia, Pa. See card.

THE LEONARDS, Walla and Nellie, can be engaged for their aquatic specialties through their agents, Messrs. Sleeper & Thompson. See advertisement.

AT SHIRLEY'S TERRACE THEATRE, Buffalo, N. Y., 14, John Peasley and Mlle. Lea were the only additions. The season closes in two weeks. Harry Williams and Lucy Clifton returning to Pittsburg, Pa. Business ruled considerably better this (last) week, owing to cooler weather. Closed 19: Kitty Allyne, to Chicago; Mason and Wesley, to Owego; Sheehan and Jones, to Toledo. At Mason and Wesley's benefit 19 Thos. Riley, Geo. Heiser, Wm. Mahar, Hartnett and McDonald, T. Wright and other volunteers appeared. Announced for 21: Mlle. Zittells, John Cottrell, Chas. W. Young..... At the Centennial, Bella Duncan and Lulu Lee were the arrivals 14, and, with Baker and Doyle, Johnny Bartley, Mellie Thorne and Flora McDonald and the old orchestra, comprise Mrs. Workman's new company. Business ruled better. No changes announced at present. Advices of Aug. 20.

AT THE SUMMER THEATRE COMIQUE, Washington, D. C., the new attractions Aug. 14 were Dick Parker in the title role of the sketch entitled "Bad Dickey," and Messrs. Gilday and Ginven in their plants-tion character song-and-dance, and an Ethiopian sketch entitled "Les Miserables." Harry Watson and Charley Ellis retain their position as favorites, and are nightly greeted with applause. The ballet, with Frankie Christie and Mlle. Antoinette Kertz as premieres, have given the "Indian Queens," and closed each evening's performance with the cancan quadrille. Richard Parker is to open in Baltimore 28. The only announcement for Aug. 21 is Mollie Wilson. Bennett and Kernell, Irish character-artists, closed Aug. 19, and are understood to be without immediate engagement. Letter of Aug. 20.

COL. T. ALLSTON BROWN is rapidly filling up the time for specialties at the Grand Central Theatre, Philadelphia. He has already secured Mlle. Eugenia Lupo, first dancer; J. D. Kelly, musical specialist; the Empire Children, Bonnie Runnells, Herr Schulze and G. K. Fortescue for the opening night, Sept. 2. George W. Smith will be ballet-master.

HARRY LESLIE'S COLORED CONGRESS AND BRASS BAND open the season Aug. 27. Artists engaged are requested to report Aug. 25 at the place designated in the card in another column. Frye and Petrie, Gus Dubois and Adams and Lee are requested to communicate with Manager Harry Rice.

CHARLES MULGRO had a benefit at the Comique, St. Louis, Mo., on Aug. 13, when the house was comfortably filled. The performance consisted of the specialties of the Haley Brothers, Maude De Lisle, May Antonio, Barry Maxwell, Burt Clark, and the Colored Jubilee Singers. Jennie Quigley, 24 years old, 30 inches high, and weighing 32 pounds, sang serio-comic songs in excellent style. Charley Mulgro appeared in the sketches of "The Serenaders" and "The Train Robbers." The house will be opened on Aug. 20 for eight nights, with the following people in the company: Gangero's Royal Jeddo Japanese, five in number; Kirk and Drew, Burton Stanley, Nellie Peak, Con T. Murphy, Lizzie McCain, and Fannie Beane. The only new arrival at the Adelphi on Aug. 13 was Leonie Mendell, who returned to the stage after an absence of six months, appearing in Dutch songs-and-dances with Harry Mendell. The two have become favorites. Frank Foley opens Aug. 27..... Nothing new to report about Looney's. Letter of Aug. 18.

NEGRO MINSTRELSY.

MME. RENTZ'S FEMALE MINSTRELS commence their eighth annual tour Sept. 4. The company includes Mlle. Juliette Nault, Miss Virginia Stickney, the Love Sisters, Kitty Whitland, Annie Ellsworth, Kate Allyne, Jessie Virlander, Mlle. Mahretta, Hattie Forrest, Zuella, Messrs. H. Phillips, J. H. Cooke, James Roche, Prof. Otto Vogler, Richard Willis; also Mabel Santley's London Burlesque Troupe, including Phillis Glover, Emily Vaughn, Marie Sefton and Mabel Santley. The burlesque of "Ixion" will be one of the attractions.

CARNCROSS & DIXEY'S MINSTRELS open the season at the Grand Opera-house, Reading, Pa., Aug. 23.

CARNCROSS & DIXEY'S MINSTRELS will reopen their Eleventh-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, on the 28th inst. During the present week they will exhibit as follows: Wilmington, Del., Aug. 21, Lancaster, Pa., 22, Norristown, Pa., 23, Reading 24, Easton 25, and Trenton, N. J., 26.

J. H. HAVERLY'S MINSTRELS performed in Titusville, Pa., Aug. 16, Meadville 17, Millerstown 18, Petrolia 19, and are billed at Parker's 21, Baltimore, Md., 28, one week, Washington, D. C., Sept. 4, for a like period, thence West.

MINSTREL conductors and others can find open time at the Academy of Music, Pittsburg, Pa. See L. M. W. Steere's card.

BEN BROWN has rejoined the New Orleans Minstrels.

SEVERAL NOTICES from the press, attesting to the attractiveness of Callender's Minstrels, are published in another column.

MME. DUCLOS' FEMALE MINSTRELS and Specialty Company are now performing at J. C. Stewart's Washington Garden, Philadelphia, Pa., and their first open date will be Sept. 4. Three lady specialty artists and a business-manager are wanted. See advertisement.

R. M. HOOLEY has christened his new Chicago theatre the Minstrel Palace, and a good programme was presented the past week. John Hart has officiated as bambo, in place of J. W. Morton. The new songs were given by Rayne, Cook and Ashton, entitled "I'll not Forget Thee," "See that My Grave's Kept Green," "Kiss Me and Call Me Your Darling." George S. Knight gave his songs, dances and witticisms, and his sketch of "Weston the Walkist;" J. W. Morton gave "Flirting in the Twilight;" Johnson and Bruno as "The Darkies from the Nile;" E. M. Hall in banjo-solos, and Rice and Hart in "Motor Bellows." On the 21st Knight's sensation "One Hundred Years Ago," introducing twenty-four singing children in beautiful Continental uniforms, will be presented. Also Conway and Kerrigan will make their first appearance..... The theatre heretofore called Hooley's will hereafter be known as Haverly's, the change of name on the exterior of the building being effected this week. The regular season is to begin on Aug. 31, with the reappearance of the favorite California Minstrels. The company secured for the opening comprises Billy Emerson, Ben Cotton, Schoolcraft and Coes, Sanford and Wilson, Scanlon and Cronin, Mackin and Wilson, John E. Kemble, Ernest Linden, James Russell, W. H. Tilla, C. S. Fredericks, Robt. Tyrrell, J. F. Oberist, and James Morrison's fine orchestra of twelve performers. Stars will follow in rapid succession, among the first to come on the list being Bob Hart, Cool Burgess and Billy Courtwright. Advices of Aug. 18.

A FEW FIRST-CLASS COMEDIANS, vocalists and specialty artists are wanted for Maguire & Haverly's Georgia Minstrels, now on a tour through California and Oregon. The troupe is to sail shortly for Australia, India, England and Europe, making a trip around the world. See Manager Haverly's card.

CALLENDER'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS are billed to appear in Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 26, 26.

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VAN AMBURGH & CO.'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE is to show in Sidney Plains, N. Y., Aug. 21, Walton 22, Westfield 23, Ellsa 28, Liberty 24, Monticello 25, Port Jervis 26, Deckertown, N. J., 28, Sparta 29, Stanburg 30, Junction 31, Flemington Sept. 1, Lambertville 2. W. B. Carroll, the two and four horse rider with this company, has been suffering from lameness for some time past, and been unable to ride.

ROTHSCHILD'S EUROPEAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE performed in Davenport, Ia., Aug. 16, Rock Island, Ill., 17, Port Byron 18, Erie 19, and is billed in Morrison 21, Milledgeville 22, Mt. Carroll 23, Elizabeth 24.

JOHN H. MURRAY'S CIRCUS is to exhibit in Montreal, P. Q., Aug. 21, 22, Plattsburg, N. Y., 23, Keeseville 24, Port Henry 25, Ticonderoga 26, Granville 28, Salem 29, Cambridge 30, North Adams, Mass., 31, 28, Salem 29, Cambridge 30, North Adams, Mass., 31, 28, Salem 29, Cambridge 30, North Adams, Mass., 31,

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